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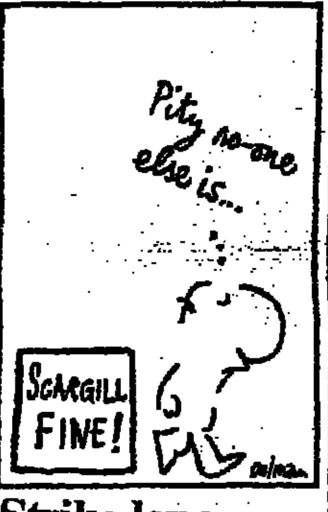
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The Pope was greeted by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia yesterday on his arrival in Spain for a 15-hour visit on his way to the Caribbean

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Strike levy

Liverpool City Council last night gave its trade unions the right to levy a contribution to the miners' strike from their wages, with the money deducted from their pay packets by the City Treasurer.

Envoy freed

Señor Pedro Aristegui, the Spanish Ambassador to Lebanon, was released unharmed several hours after being kidnapped in Beirut by two unidentified gunmen Page 6

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Unilever yesterday decisively won the battle for Brooke Bond by raising its offer from 114p to 125p a share, valuing Brooke Bond at £389m

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Miners undeterred by fines on Scargill and union

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Miners' leaders last night set a fresh course of conflict with the law by reaffirming that their 31-week-old strike is official, despite High Court fines yesterday for contempt, of £1,000 on Mr Arthur Scargill and £200,000 on the National Union of Mineworkers.

Mr Scargill, the pitman's president, read out on the steps of his union's office in Sheffield a statement expressing fresh defiance of court orders that the dispute is unofficial and demanding that his members should not cross picket lines.

The miners' renewed evidence of open hostility to the High Court is expected to precipitate further moves for alleged contempt, just as the pit union reopens peace talks with the National Coal Board.

Its national coordinating committee, an ad hoc body composed of national officials of the union and leaders from the main coalfields, which is conducting the day-to-day business of the strike, also reaffirmed the executive's October 1 decision as official union policy. "This means that the strike action in the British coalfields is official in accordance with national rule 41", it said.

"The union will continue to do all in its power to win maximum support for the strike and reaffirms that there should be no crossing of official picket lines."

That statement is essentially a reiteration of the comments and decisions which yesterday prompted Mr Justice Nicholls to fine Mr Scargill and the union for contempt of orders made on September 28 that the strike in Yorkshire and elsewhere is unofficial, and that miners must not be discouraged from going to work under threat of union discipline.

The judge said: "A great and powerful union with large membership has decided to regard itself as above the law. The wilful disobedience has been committed with maximum publicity by a large and powerful body bent on saying to its members and the whole nation that it is untouchable.

"If orders of the court are seen to be set as nought in this way – openly and repeatedly defied by such a body with impunity – where is the rule of law?"

The union has 14 days to pay its fine, and Mr Scargill 28 days to pay his. Neither is likely to do so. The union's national executive is to meet soon, probably on Sunday, to determine its next step. Continuing refusal to pay the fine would involve the union in sequestration of its assets, put at £4.7m when the strike began but now very much depleted.

Mr Michael McGahey, vice-president of the union, said: "You can't take the breeks off a Highland man: we're skint." And Mr Sid Vincent, leader of the Lancashire pitmen, argued: "If we have to operate from the street, we will carry on the fight."

Yesterday's contempt action was brought by two "dissident" Yorkshire miners, Mr Ken Foulstone and Mr Robert Taylor, both from Manton colliery. Mr Foulstone said at a press conference later: "I feel very unhappy about having to take my own union to court to stop the misuse of its members. But I feel the law of the land has been upheld."

Even though Mr Scargill is not a rich man, he ought to be able to pay the £1,000 fine, earning £27,500 a year and living modestly. However, he has foregone his salary since the strike began.

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Pit talks begin today at Acas

By Our Labour Editor

Peace talks aimed at ending the pit strike open this morning against a background of rising optimism among politicians and National Coal Board managers.

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the board, goes into the eighth round of negotiations with the National Union of Mineworkers with an unexpected degree of hope that this time there could be a settlement of the conflict over colliery closures.

Mr Pat Lowry, chairman of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), has apparently indicated that the miners have taken a more flexible line in informal, pre-negotiation exchanges.

Mr MacGregor said last night: "We had a meeting with Mr Lowry and I got the decided impression that he was optimistic about the position.

"We explained that we had made all the concessions to date, and therefore did not have anything new to talk about, but we were always willing to listen to other ideas. He encouraged us to meet him, so I assume that he felt that there was something there."

The coal chairman argued that the core of the dispute was unchanged. "We have to resolve the criteria under which we operate." That could be the

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Mrs Thatcher giving £1 yesterday to a collection in Brighton for working miners (Photograph: John Voos).

Britain's day of banners and cash

From Ian Murray Strasbourg

It was British benefit day in the European Parliament here yesterday. Britain was at last paid back its £457m rebate; British miners demonstration tactics took over the floor of the House; and the verbal battle over Waterloo station rolled on.

The decision to pay back the money, which had been frozen by Parliament since the beginning of the year, was taken by 218 votes to 34, with only the French and Greek Communists, the Gaullists and Fianna Fail against. Most French Christian Democrats were among the 10 who abstained.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, was in Strasbourg for the vote. "We saw this as a debate of honour", he said. "We are delighted that this debt of honour has now been satisfactorily paid. We look forward to good relations with Parliament now that this has been satisfactorily resolved."

Release of the money was one of two conditions imposed by the British Government before it would agree to finding extra money for the EEC this year. The second condition was that rules to control EEC spending must be endorsed – a subject to be negotiated at the next foreign ministers' council in 10 days' time.

As far as good relations with Parliament were concerned, these came under something of a strain when Mr Les Huckfield leapt through a gap in the rules of procedure to introduce the miners' strike to the debates.

The new Labour MP for Merseyside East called on the skills he learnt as MP for Nuneaton to bowl a googlie question. How was it possible, he asked, to discuss one matter of interest to Britain – the rebate – and not discuss an issue of equal importance to Britain – the strike?

The French benches groaned as he carried relentlessly on, encouraged by transnational Socialist cheers. The statistics had started to flow – 7,000 arrests, five deaths – when his microphone was switched off.

He mimed on as "the treasured emblem" of the Blaenau Gwent Lodges of the National Union of Mineworkers, which had been smuggled into the chamber in a briefcase, was unfurled.

Dr Otto Habsburg, once the heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire, was infuriated by the sight of the red and gold banner and tried to haul it down. He failed.

A further row broke out involving the British later when unrepentant Labour MEPs insisted that they were right in hearing last week that a French Gaullist member wanted to rename Waterloo station. They blamed this on bad simultaneous interpretation.

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Warning on Labour threat to judges

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Brighton

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, said yesterday that the "Leninist left" in the Labour Party had created for the first time a real threat to the independence of judges, on whom alone the citizen could rely for protection from the abuse of power by governments.

There was a real danger that repeated attacks on judges by Labour might undermine the confidence of the public and of the judges themselves, with obvious consequences for recruitment and quality.

Sir Patrick said the Labour Party conference last week had passed resolutions deeply damaging to the rule of law, in the banning of all policing during industrial disputes, and the vesting in local authorities of total control over the police.

He did not doubt that there were those who wished to overturn the whole constitutional structure of an independent judiciary, an impartial police force and an administration of law which remedied wrongs.

The very effectiveness of Britain's arrangements called forth the increasing scale of the attacks on them, Sir Patrick said, "to the would-be autocrat it must be intolerable that the principle of the supremacy of law should apply to the Government, to every minister and official, to every over-mighty subject, as well as to the humblest person in the land.

"I do not doubt that this highly inconvenient proclivity for protecting the small man makes the hard left so determined to get at the judges", he added.

Sir Patrick, who was speaking at a fringe meeting in Brighton, traced the development by the judges of the process of judicial review of discretionary action by ministers.

The judges, not parliament, had created this precious remedy for the oppressed citizen, which was no doubt irritating to the executive of the day.

It was a safeguard against malicious or capricious use of power, which no one but the judges could provide.

Sir Patrick gave examples of Labour and Conservative ministers against whom the courts had found.

Sir Patrick Mayhew: Defending judges.

Dealers in heroin face 'life'

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Heroin smugglers and dealers face life sentences as part of a package of new measures to be introduced by the Government to combat drug abuse.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, told the Conservative Party conference yesterday that the new sentences will be included in next year's legislation.

The other measures announced by Mr Clarke include another £5m for drug abuse treatment, 100 more customs and excise drug investigators, and clear directives to the police to take greater action.

Mr Clarke, speaking at the end of the first debate on drug abuse by the party conference since the 1960s, offered proposals in reply to party representatives clearly worried by the problem.

Calls for tougher measures came from speakers including a schoolboy, a doctor and a number of MPs. Thirteen motions on drug abuse were tabled. Mr Colin Dobson, a sixth former from Oxford, told the conference that he had seen children sniffing glue during their lunch-break near his school and spoke of being approached by drug peddlars, who he said were "scum, destroyers of the youth of this country".

Mr Clarke, speaking on behalf of other ministers at the

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Inquiry to review whole system of local government finance

From Philip Webster, Political Reporter, Brighton

The Government yesterday announced a wide-ranging review of the entire system of local government finance, going far beyond its previous unsuccessful attempts to find alternatives to domestic rates and one which could result in some of the functions now provided locally being taken over by central government.

The inquiry, to be headed by Mr Kenneth Baker, the new Minister for Local Government, and expected to last 18 months, was outlined to the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, in response to revived demands from the Tory grass roots for the Government to fulfil the pledge of Mrs Margaret Thatcher 10 years ago to abolish the rating system.

The review, aimed at producing what Mr Jenkin described as a more robust and fairer system of local finance, will examine yet again both domestic and business rating. But, more significantly, it will cover both the operation of the rate support grant system and the balance between local and central financing of local spending.

That, it was explained later, could lead to the transfer of some functions to the centre. Education, which accounts for 47 per cent of local authority current expenditure in England, is a favourite candidate for some ministers.

In a second important initiative, Mr Jenkin announced he will put proposals to the Commons for an inquiry into abuses by some left-wing Labour councils of their power.

Mr Jenkin spoke of councils squandering millions on virulent propaganda campaigns, the political selection of council officers, the suppression of the rights of minorities on councils, and the manipulation of standing orders.

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The inquiry will cover alleged abuses of Sections 137 and 142 of the Local Government Act, 1972, which some councils have used to authorize publicity campaigns.

But it is clear that it will go much further ot consider the legal basis on which local government operates. Mr Jenkin questions whether local government could be expected to continue operation on the conventions of a century ago.

He is to seek all-Party support for the inquiry, likely to be headed by an eminent constitutional expert, although some MPs doubted whether the announcement of such an initiative at a conference would help him to win it.

Mr Jenkin's announcement of the finance review was seen as a recognition by the Government that its various attempts at controlling local spending through targets, penalties and rate capping have failed, as yet, to produce a satisfactory outcome.

Mr Jenkin was given a lukewarm reception, by a large section of the conference upset by his advice that it should stop demanding, year after year, an end to domestic rates in the absence of a sound and acceptable alternative.

During a later debate Mr Baker announced that the Government was setting up a London planning commission to advise it on strategic planning decisions after the abolition of the Greater London Council.

£100m bank rescue hits snags

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England is having a difficult time persuading City bankers to contribute to a £100m safety net for Johnson Matthey Bankers, the bullion bank it rescued last week.

High-level discussions were said to be taking place between the banks and the Bank of England yesterday.

The Bank of England is trying to corall a range of City banks and institutions to provide indemnities totalling £100m in case the losses unearthed at JMB turn out to be higher than expected. The package is far from complete and those involved are making the size of their contribution conditional on everyone else chipping in.

However, the four bullion dealers, who along with JMB belong to the London gold market, have agreed to put in £7.5m each and 13 members of the Accepting Houses Committee, the merchant bankers' club, have provisionally agreed on about £10m. The Bank of England had hoped to raise £25m from the merchanmt banks.

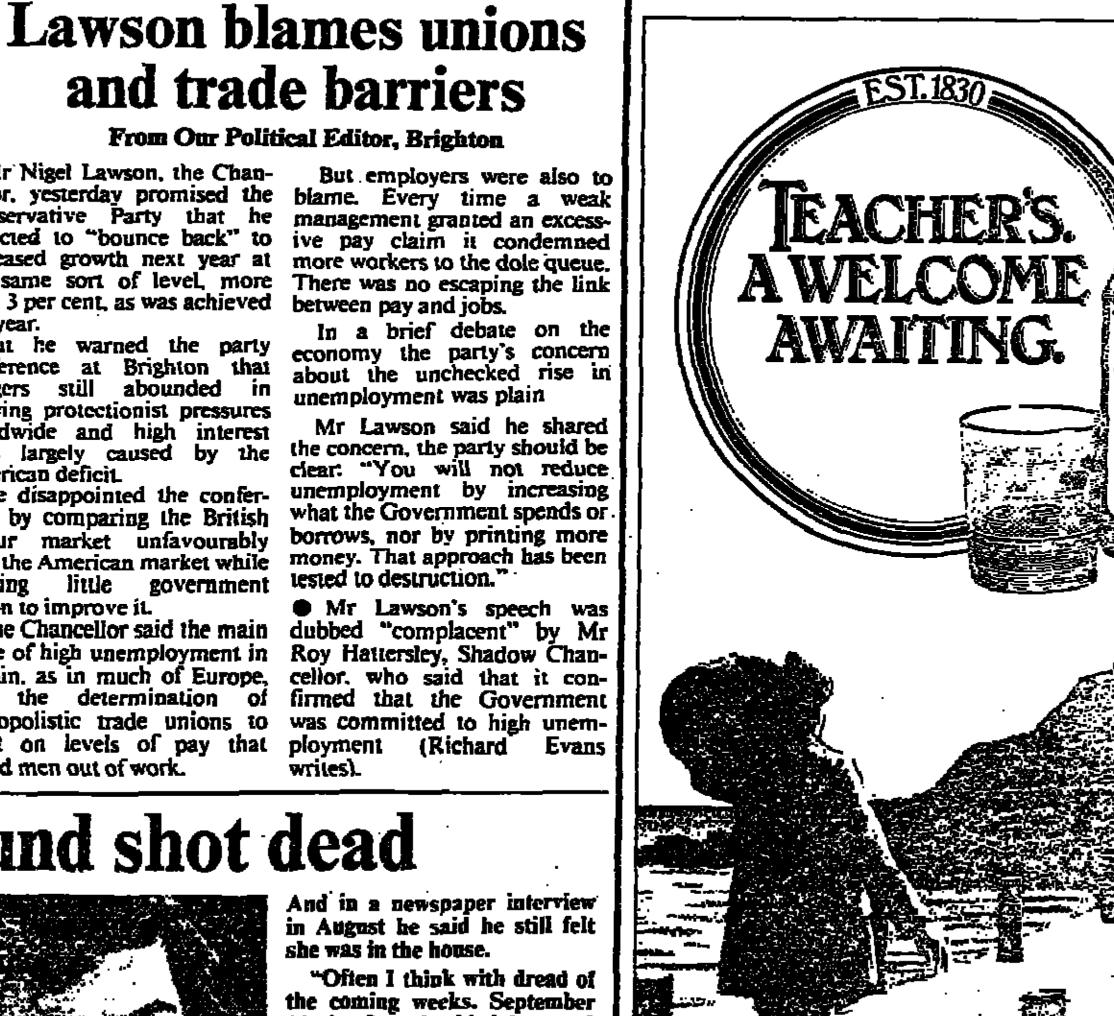
Public money is also being put at risk with the Bank of England offering £10m towards the safety net. The Bank would also have to bear any further costs if the safety net was used up.

The main uncertainty about the package seems to centre on the contribution from London and Scottish clearing banks, which is put at £20m to £50m.

One of the banks' main complaints is that they are being asked to put money at risk but do not stand to benefit if JMB is eventually sold.

The scale of the indemnities being demanded has raised fears that the problems at JMB are worse than expected. Possible losses have been put at between £100m and £150m and, including undervalued assets in the JMB balance sheet, the Bank of England has about £170m to cover this. Only if the losses were more than £170m would the indemnities be called.

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Lawson blames unions and trade barriers

From Our Political Editor, Brighton

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday promised the Conservative Party that he expected to "bounce back" to increased growth next year at the same sort of level, more than 3 per cent, as was achieved last year.

But he warned the party conference at Brighton that dangers still abounded in growing protectionist pressures worldwide and high interest rates largely caused by the American deficit.

He disappointed the conference by comparing the British labour market unfavourably with the American market while offering little government action to improve it.

The Chancellor said the main cause of high unemployment in Britain, as in much of Europe, was the determination of monopolistic trade unions to insist on levels of pay that priced men out of work.

But employers were also to blame. Every time a weak management granted an excessive pay claim it condemned more workers to the dole queue. There was no escaping the link between pay and jobs.

In a brief debate on the economy the party's concern about the unchecked rise in unemployment was plain

Mr Lawson said he shared the concern, the party should be clear: "You will not reduce unemployment by increasing what the Government spends or borrows, nor by printing more money. That approach has been tested to destruction."

● Mr Lawson's speech was dubbed "complacent" by Mr Roy Hattersley, Shadow Chancellor, who said that it confirmed that the Government was committed to high unemployment (Richard Evans writes).

Husband of Diana Dors is found shot dead

By Sheila Beardall

Alan Lake, the husband of the late Diana Dors, was found shot dead yesterday, the sixteenth anniversary of the day the couple first met.

He was discovered in his £325,000 home, Orchard Manor, Sunningdale, Berkshire, which he had turned into a shrine to Diana Dors, who died from cancer five months ago.

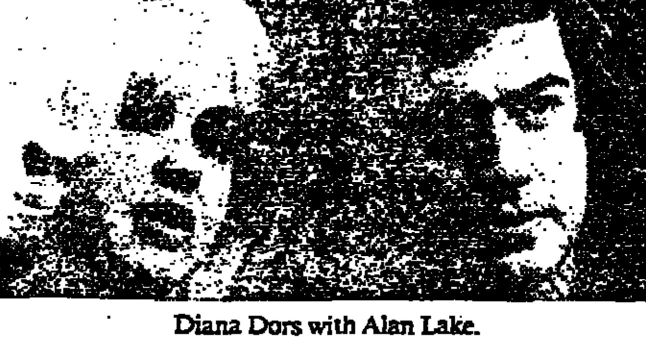
He had a reputation as a hard, sometimes violent man whose soft spot had been his overpowering love for his wife, who was ten years his senior. Friends said he had been terribly depressed and believe he never recovered from the grief of her death.

Surrey police are treating his death as suicide. A spokesman said: "The wound appeared to be self-inflicted. We are not looking for anyone in connexion with the shooting."

The couple's son Jason, aged 15, was told the news while rehearsing a play, *Breaking the Silence*, with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican Centre, London.

Mrs Honor Webb, the family's housekeeper, said she heard a shot early yesterday afternoon and found Mr Lake lying dead in his son's bedroom with a shotgun by his side. No note was found. Lieut. Col George McEwan, the Surrey coroner, has been informed.

Mr Lake died as dramatically as he had lived. Apart from playing villains on the screen, he had had rumoured links with gangland leaders. In 1970 he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for maliciously wounding the manager of the Red Lion Inn, Sunningdale. He had also been an alcoholic, which led to a temporary separation between the couple in 1980.



Diana Dors with Alan Lake.

Soon after Diana Dors died Mr Lake said: "Diana is still here in my heart and mind". And in a newspaper interview in August he said he still felt she was in the house.

"Often I think with dread of the coming weeks. September 11 is Jason's birthday and October 10 is the anniversary of the day we met. They're each like a dagger that will go through me."

He recently put Orchard Manor up for sale, saying it was distressing for him to go on living there.

Mrs Webb said that he had taken Jason to the station in the morning and appeared to be very, very depressed when he returned.

A neighbour said: "He missed his wife so much. He was always crying for her. He just loved her so much that he couldn't carry on without her."

Pension and child benefit strike may spread to hit unemployment pay

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Union leaders meet today to decide whether to extend the pensions strike at Newcastle upon Tyne to Department of Employment and Social Security computers at Reading, Berkshire, and Livingstone, Lothian which would affect payment of unemployment benefit to one million people.

The strike by 400 computer staff at the department's Newcastle and Washington, Tyne and Wear offices, now in its twentysecond week, has affected pension and child benefit payments to about nine million pensioners and to more than half the seven million recipients of child benefit.

It has so far cost the department at least £40m, a bill which is increasing by between £3m and £4m a week and has led to the recruitment of 5.000 extra civil servants.

The Civil and Public Services Association said yesterday that staff at Reading had voted to take action from Monday if the union's executive approves today. But there are signs that the executive is under as much pressure to call off the action as to extend it.

If the unemployment benefit computers are hit, the Department said that it had contingency plans to write Giro cheques by hand, which could involve recruiting up to 4.000 casual staff at unemployment offices.

The 400 computer staff have been on strike over changes in shift arrangements and payments which the department says would save £700.000 a year.

Last week they were joined by 72 staff at the Hebburn office nearby, who had been asked to start distributing 350.000 new pension book covers a week to allow the pension increase on November 26 to go ahead.

The covers had been prepared on overtime by staff at Newcastle working through the dispute, and it is evident that support there for the strike is far from solid among other staff which has led some union officials to argue that it is unwinnable.

The strike has, however, already cost the department far more than the sums it hopes to save.

About seven million pensioners are now being paid weekly on the stubs of old pension books, at a cost of between £2.1m and £2.8m a week because the Post Office says that it takes three times as long to handle the cases.

The DHSS will also have to pay for the decision to defer closure of up to 1.000 post offices to help cope with the queues.

Four million child benefit recipients are also being paid at post offices on old order books, at a cost of about £1.4m a week. That figure will rise as more of the 20-week order books run out.

The 300,000 British pensioners overseas have probably been worst hit, facing long delays in payment. The department says that so far three-quarters of them are now receiving money.

Pensioners paid by automatic credit transfer are still receiving payment, but the computer program cannot be ammended, so that payments are continuing *after death*. About 300,000 of the 430,000 pensioners paid fourweekly or quarterly have responded to advertisements and are being paid by local DHSS offices.

The department is recruiting 3.800 extra staff at local offices to cope with this workload.

Short-term National Insurance benefits such a sickness and maternity benefit are now having to be paid on estimates of people's entitlement, which is bound to lead to errors.

The absence of up-to-date National Insurance records has also led the department to recruit 1,500 casual staff to free others to check on contribution records for those claiming unemployment benefit.

All striking miners lose their free coal

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The National Coal Board has finally withdrawn concessionary coal supplies to striking miners in its western area, which covers pits in Cumbria, Lancashire, Cheshire, Staffordshire and the West Midlands. It has 8,700 miners at work and 5.000 on strike.

Since the start of the present dispute the concessionary scheme, inherited by the board when the industry was nationalized, had been stopped in all areas except the western.

The scheme was kept there while miners gradually reported for work – 2,500 in the last four months – although deliveries of smokeless fuels for all miners, at work or on strike, have been "blacked" by the National Union of Mineworkers.

The western area produces no smokeless fuel and depends on deliveries from other areas to meet domestic consumer demand. Output in the area is now running at 80.000 tonnes a week compared with 200,000 *tonnes a year ago.*

A 24-hour strike was started yesterday by 36 drivers at the National Fuel Deliveries depot in Longton, near Stoke-on-Trent, in protest at the withdrawal of concessionary supplies. The depot is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the coal board and the drivers are members of the Transport & General Workers' Union.

A board official said: "The decision by the drivers to stop deliveries to working miners also *means pensioners*, widows and other needy cases are forced to go without."

The concessionary coal scheme operates under local agreements, which the board has unsuccessfully attempted to replace with a national agreement.

There have also been suggestions by sectors of management that the scheme should be abolished, but they have never been put to the union officially for fear of compensatory pay claims being submitted.

Normal annual concessionary coal allowances to NCB employees, in tons: Scotland: 7.15; Northumberland: 10.05; Durham: 7.45; Yorkshire: 9.14; N Derbyshire: 8.5; S Derbyshire: *10.15; Nottinghamshire:* 10.00; Leicestershire: 10.55; Cumberland: 6.0; Lancashire: 6.1; N Wales: 8.15; S Wales: 7.11; N Staffordshire: 7.5; Warwickshire: 7.62; Kent: 9.9.



Mr Ken Foulstone (top) one of the miners bringing a legal action against the NUM and (above) Mr Arthur Scargill, at press conferences yesterday.

Home Office rejects police band appeal

By Peter Davenport

Mr James Anderton, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, lost his last hope yesterday of keeping the military-style band axed by his police authority.

He had pinned hopes of a reprieve on an appeal to the Home Office to intervene and rule the councillors out of order in their decision to end the £160,000-a-year financial backing for the band.

But in a meeting between an HM Inspector of Police and Mr Anderton's deputy chief constable, Mr John Stalker, it was made clear that the Home Office would not step in.

It is understood that Mr Stalker was told that there could be intervention only on issues that directly affected police efficiency and the presence or otherwise of a military-type band did not fall into that category.

The dispute over the future of the band was the latest in a long series of arguments between Mr Anderton and his left-wing police committee. Last week, in an effort to reduce costs to meet the extra bills of policing the coal dispute in Greater Manchester, now standing at £1.5m, the police committee voted to end financial support for the band.

The officers, who spent two out of each five-day working week on band duties, under a full-time leader, have been returned to operational duties. All their engagements, *including* two school concerts for 2,500 children this week, have been cancelled.

Mr Anderton was determined to keep his band and was "disappointed" at the Home Office decision not to intervene. The chairwoman of the police committee, Councillor Mrs Gabrielle Cox, said yesterday "This just backs up the advice we had from the council's legal officer We believe we cannot continue to provide funds for the band at the risk of threatening other more important police services. And we will not do so."

The committee had said the band could continue on a voluntary basis, but senior officers yesterday said that it would be totally impracticable because it would be impossible for all the members to work the same shifts and meet the band's commitments.

Council is defiant over horse ban

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A survey of relations yesterday between police authorities and chief constables in dispute about policing issues shows that measures announced by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, to the Conservative Party conference are unlikely to change much in the short term at least.

Labour-controlled South Yorkshire seemed likely to defy both Mr Brittan and the wishes of Mr Peter Wright, its Chief Constable, on the question of police horses.

Mr George Moores, chairman of the police authority, said he thought the council's policy committee would recommend to the full county council next week that the horses and membership of the Regional Crime Squad should be abolished.

"The dogs are in a different category. There is an argument for them", Mr Moores said, denying that the decision was political. He said it was good housekeeping. The considerable financial help offered by the Home Secretary would not be enough.

Getting rid of the horses and halving the number of dogs could put the police authority in breach of its duty to provide an adequate and efficient force, the Home Office said.

South Yorkshire shelved the decision after a deputation, including Mr Moores and Mr Wright, went to Mr Brittan on September 25. If the council gets rid of the horses. Mr Brittan is expected to challenge the decision in the courts.

In Derbyshire, also Labour controlled, speculation about the future of the suspended chief constable, Mr Alfred Parrish, has been increased by the sick note he has submitted.

Mr Arthur Willis, Mr Parrish's solicitor, said yesterday the chief constable was suffering from general stress and exhaustion.

Mr Parrish, aged 54, has been in the police service more than 30 years and could retire, although, as he is a senior officer, only with the consent of the police authority, unless on medical grounds.

Mr Parrish was suspended on full pay in June. He faces a hearing into claims that he spent £28,000 on his office without authorization.

Mr Harry Lowe, chairman of Derbyshire police authority, said last night he had initiated the inquiry. He denied it was politically motivated.

Mr Brittan said in Brighton that, using powers in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, he would provide a new and politically independent check against attempts by a police authority to suspend its chief constable.

Merseyside police authority chairman, Mrs Margaret Simey, Labour, reiterated her belief yesterday on the *World at One* radio programme that the police are out of democratic control.

Beef farmers fear dairy 'invasion'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union is pressing the Government and the European Commission for stronger guarantees for beef producers because of the threat of overproduction and a consequent fall in market prices.

The threat arises from the introduction of dairy quotas six months ago, which for at least the next year will mean more cows and heifers being slaughtered.

In the longer term there is the likelihood that grassland farmers in Wales and the west of England will be forced to diversify into beef cattle.

The Meat and Livestock Commission said yesterday that it had no wish to discourage farmers from raising beef cattle and would do all it could to help *them with advice.*

The union is also concerned about what it believes is slow progress in processing claims by diary farmers for special treatment.

The Ministry of Agriculture said this week that 22.639 producers had applied for an additional quota, either because their production last year had been distorted by exceptional factors such as disease, or because they were already committed to a ministry-approved expansion scheme.

The ministry's divisional offices have so far examined 14.479 applications, of which 2.673 have been rejected and the rest passed to local panels for adjudication. The panels have reached decisions on fewer than half the claims and extra members have been recruited to deal with the work.

Nearly 400 rejected applicants have applied to the Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal, which has heard "exceptional hardship" claims from more than 3.500 farmers who argued that they would not be able to make a living. So far only 84 hardship claims have been considered, of which 60 have been rejected.

An additional complication is that the proportion of the national quota available for redistribution is still not known.

That is because although nearly 4.800 farmers have agreed to leave dairy farming in return for compensation, many have also applied for additional quotas and would probably change their minds if their applications were approved.

The Government has set a limit of 289 million litres, 2¼ per cent of the total national quota, for redistribution. But applicants for the so-called "outgoers' scheme" at present produced nearly four times that amount.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister of Agriculture, has said that all applicants producing fewer than 200,000 litres a year will be able to claim compensation if they dispose of their herds within seven weeks from October 1.

Any extra quota allocations may have to be scaled down if there is not enough to go round.

A union official said that many farmers had applied for everything on offer on the basis that there was no harm in trying. With the exception of a few who decided to retire a few years early, he did not expect many to cease dairy farming altogether.

Forty per cent of those who had applied to give up were tenant farmers, who needed their landlords' permission to do so. Others might make a partial switch to grain growing, particularly in the midlands

Wages rise by 8.1% to £159.30

By David Smith
Economics correspondent

The average weekly wage in Britain increased to £159.30 by April this year, 8.1 per cent up on a year earlier, according to the first results from the Department of Employment's *latest earnings survey.*

For men, average earnings were £178.80, a rise of 8.5 per cent. For women, earnings averaged £117.20 up 7 per cent compared with April, 1983.

As well as indicating a widening gap between male and *female earnings, the figures* show that the earnings range for all employees is wide. While 8.5 per cent of fulltime employees earned less than £80 a week, 5.1 per cent earned more than £300.

Highest paid groups of workers included technical *engineering staff in the elec*tricity supply industry (average weekly earnings £298.80) and newspaper print workers in London and Manchester (£298.40).

Many doctors police officers and firemen, and finance insurance and tax specialists, earned well over £300 a week.

Lowest paid groups included shopworkers, National Health Service nursing and ancillary staff, local authority manual workers and garage mechanics.

In spite of the high level of unemployment, overtime earnings increased. Male manual workers, who earned an average of £152.70 a week, obtained £20.90 of this from overtime payments, with £12.80 for bonus payments and £5 for shift premiums.

Without overtime, the increase in average weekly earnings for all employees would have been 7.4 per cent, rather than the 8.1 per cent actually recorded.

Pitman returns to work 24 hours after beating

By Peter Davenport

Mr Tony Haller, the miner who was beaten up by a gang of hooded men for breaking the strike at Mr Arthur Scargill's *former colliery in Yorkshire* returned to work yesterday.

His decision surprised National Coal Board officials who had expected him to be off work for several days recovering from injuries which included facial cuts, a suspected *broken nose and a badly* bruised chest and back.

But just 24 hours after the beating Mr Haller, aged 40, of Arncliffe Drive, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, went back to work at Woolley colliery, in an NCB van with a police escort. He defied up to 200 pickets at the colliery entrance who had gathered *to jeer and boo.*

Mr Haller's wife, Christine, aged 38, said after her husband had left for work: "It took me half an hour to get him out of bed. I didn't want him to go because I didn't think he was well enough. But he was *determined to go in.*"

Throughout the Yorkshire coalfield yesterday 76 men out of the total workforce of 56,000 returned to work, a record turnout in the 31-week strike.

Nalgo funds ban defeated

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

An attempt to stop Britain's largest white collar union from giving money to the National Union of Mineworkers was *narrowly defeated yesterday.*

A special conference of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds majority to halt donations until the establishment of a secret ballot.

But the 405.044 vote for the embargo, compared with 250.652 against is likely to mean that the bulk of Nalgo donations from now on will have to come from branch level, although there will be no formal change in policy. The union has given a total of £35,000 out of central funds.

The special 2,000-strong conference in London yesterday, which cost more than £200.000 to arrange, was convened on the insistence of 100 branches in the belief that most of the union's membership disagreed with the support for *the pit strike endorsed by the* annual conference.

Mr Alan Jinkinson, deputy general secretary of the union, said after the meeting that he was confident branches would continue to support the NUM. He thought about 2,000 had left the union recently because of the miners' issue rather than the *30,000 suggested by a questionnaire*

● The Wales Congress for the Support of Mining Communities announced yesterday that it was trying to launch the biggest unofficial welfare service to *alleviate hardship and suffering* among the families of striking miners. Mr Kim Howells, the NUM research officer in South Wales, said the aim was to raise £40.000 a week.

Doubt over curbs on lorry-spray

Measures to combat lorry-spray in wet weather, one of the worst hazards of motorway driving, were laid down by the Government yesterday amid widespread fears in industry that they will have little effect (our Transport Editor writes).

New lorries and trailers must be fitted with anti-spray equipment from 1985 to 1986, and existing vehicles from 1986 to 1987 under regulations laid before Parliament yesterday, the first such European measures.

The main spray suppressants are flaps, wheelguards and absorbent mats of plastic bristles.

But the Freight Transport Association said yesterday that the equipment would not make the sort of difference people sought.

IBM executive murder remand

Mr Timothy John Smith, aged 41, of The Seafront, Hayling Island, Hampshire, was *remanded* in custody until Friday when he appeared before Havant magistrates charged with murdering Mr Michael Robertson. There was no application for bail.

Mr Robertson, aged 41, of Hayling Island, was the UK property manager for IBM. He died on Tuesday from injuries he received last Friday.

Tories 'get £2.7m from firms'

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Labour Party last night intensified its attack on secret donations by big business to the Conservative Part's funds.

A total of 311 companies gave £2,780,728 to the party during the past financial year, according to a dossier produced *by Labour's research department.*

The document notes: "We record a massive rise both in the number of public companies making political donations and the amount of money they have donated: donations over which *there are no controls*, over which the employees and shareholders of the company have virtually no say, from which shareholders have no right to opt out."

Only two firms consulted anyone outside their board of directors before contributing to the Conservatives. The contributions came *in* a year when trade union donations to the Labour Party have been under continuous public attack, a party spokesman said.

The biggest single donor to *the Tories was British &* Commonwealth Shipping which gave £95,050. It claims that Tory "front" organizations such as the British United Industrialists provided a further £728,660.

Donations direct to the party's funds rose by nearly £1.2m, or 70 per cent, with 33 firms accounting for nearly half the total. Seven firms gave more than £60,000 each and a further seven provided more than £50,000 each.

Shorter summer time favoured

By Patricia Clough

The Government has come out in favour of shortening British summer time by two weeks from 1986 so that clocks can go back in the autumn at the same time as other EEC countries. But according to a Home Office spokesman, a final decision will not be made until the end of the year.

In a recent briefing to Conservative members of the *European Parliament the Home* Office supported an EEC proposal to synchronize the end of summer time because "the United Kingdom wishes to play its full part in the development of the Community".

British summer time was *shortened by one week in 1981* so that all the EEC members could start together. But Britain and Ireland still end theirs at the end of October, a month later than the rest. Under the EEC Commission's proposal everyone would end summer time for 1986, 1987 and 1988 in the middle of October.

In its briefing to MEPs, the Home Office said synchronization would benefit international business and the travel industry. It conceded that most of the public would favour lighter evenings in October and there were objections from the building industry and farmers.

The European Parliament is scheduled to debate the proposal today and Mr William Newton Dunn, the Conservative MEPs, transport spokesman, said he expected his group to support it.

Labour members are likely to vote against, their transport spokesman, Mr George Stephenson, said, because they felt not enough study had been made of its practical implications. Labour, he said, were concerned among other things, that darker evenings would mean more crime, although he conceded there were no statistics to prove this either way.

A spokesman for the Building *Employers' Confederation said* if the Government has made up its mind, the confederation "will be making strong representations to get it reversed".

An earlier start to winter time would mean higher operating costs, such as more lighting, less *use of expensive equipment and* shorter working days. It could lengthen completion times and possibly increase safety hazards. The industry was "completely" opposed to it.

Strong opposition also came from the National Farmers Union which said the loss of an hour's light could create difficulties for farmers in Scotland, who normally harvest their root crops and sow their winter crops at that time of the year. The NFU also argued that lack of light could endanger safety.

QC leads criticism of Scargill contempt case

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Four barristers led by Lord Gifford, QC, yesterday criti*cized the contempt proceedings* against Mr Arthur Scargill and the National Union of Mineworkers as a "misuse of the law for political ends".

The four, who are all concerned with civil rights, said they were "increasingly ap*palled*" at what they called manipulation of legal processes in favour of the National Coal Board and the Government.

In a joint statement they said the contempt proceedings, which have led to a £1.000 fine on Mr Scargill and £200,000 fine on the NUM, was a further attempt to coerce and intimidate those on strike.

"We declare this to be a misuse of the law for political ends. We support the decision of the NUM leadership to take no part in a charade which brings the law and the courts into public disrepute."

Lord Gifford said that he and the other barristers, Miss *Joanna Dodson, Miss Helena* Kennedy and Mr Michael Mansfield, have issued the statement because of their concern at the way the law was being used in the miners' strike.

● The Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers last night condemned the fines imposed on Mr Scargill and the miners' union. Its chairman, Miss Helena Kennedy, said: "The £200.000 fine is the largest fine ever imposed for a first breach of a court's order, and the alleged contempt, using the word 'official', must be one of the most trivial in British legal history."

The fine did not begin to compare with the few hundreds of pounds usually imposed on employers for dismissing workers or for breaches of safety regulations that caused deaths, she said.

Colliery stops as NUM bans safety work

Underground work at Wearmouth colliery, near Sunderland, which employs 2,350 men, *will stop today because the* NUM is refusing to allow its members to carry out safety work. The National Coal Board said yesterday that the union's refusal put the pit at risk, as 500.000 gallons of water would flood into the underground *workings each day after the* power was turned off. The coal board had refused a union demand to instruct 19 men who wanted to work and who had crossed lines, to stay at home.

This afternoon the floodwaters will start to rise around £10m of underground equipment and machinery.

Mr David Archibald, NCB area director, said: "We are left with on alternative because we would be breaking the law by operating cages with incertified safety gear". The board refused to go against its policy of keeping the pit gates open to any miner who wanted to work.

Car workers seek pay reward

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The £1m campaign launched recently by the motor industry to publicize the increased productivity and new spirit of cooperation in its factories is being seized on by union negotiators to support demands for wage increases at Austin Rover, Vauxhall and Ford.

Manufacturers' claims that *productivity in* some British car plants is on a par with the best in Europe and that days lost per employee have fallen from nearly seven days five years ago to 1.8 days last year are being flung back across the negotiating table.

This week's news that newly-privatized Jaguar has offered its workers a 21 per cent increase over the next two years could hardly have come at a more damaging time.

Percentage wage increases during the past five years

	Austin Rover	Ford	Vauxhall	Talbot
1979	5 to 10	21.5	12.6-15.2	8
1980	6 to 8	9.5	8	7
1981	3.8	7.4	5	7.5
1982	5.6	8.2	8	7
1983	5.6	7.5	7.75	7.5

A veteran motor industry negotiator said last night: "John Egan (Jaguar's chairman) has a lot to answer for and not only to other car makers. His suppliers will be after him to increase the price he pays for their parts. They will rightly be able to claim that like his workers they have played their part in Jaguar's recovery by keeping prices down and quality up."

An Austin Rover executive said: "Few car workers will want to be reminded that Jaguar almost alone in the industry has made a substantial £50m profit or that labour costs on big luxury cars are a much smaller proportion of total costs than they are on the cars the rest of us manufacture. It will be a simple case of 'what's good enough for Jaguar workers is good enough for us'."

The speed with which 1.500 Vauxhall workers reacted to management's 7.2 per cent offer and walked out this week is indicative of workers' determination to get a bigger share of the cake this year.

Ford will reply on October 19 to a demand for 14 per cent which shop stewards said yesterday was "an all or nothing" demand.

Shergar colt is moved under guard to hide-out

Strict security was in operation to protect a yearling son of Shergar sold on Tuesday for £3.1m guineas, a European record, at Goffs Sales in co Kildare. The colt, still unnamed, was taken yesterday to a secret destination and is under an armed guard.

As soon as the auctioneer's hammer came down, carefully prepared security plans were put into operation. The new owner is determined that the colt will not suffer the same fate as Shergar which is thought to have been killed by IRA kidnappers

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Sale room

'Napoleon' painting could be £2m master

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Somerville and Simpson, the London picture dealers, spent £14,300 at Sotheby's yesterday to acquire a painting of "Napoleon Crossing the Great St Bernard Pass" on a romantically rearing steed. They hope it may be possible to prove that the painting is by the great French Neo-Classical master, Jacques Louis David, in which case it should be worth in excess of £2m. Sotheby's catalogued it as "after" David.

David's work is now extremely rare. The National Gallery acquired its first example in July, a portrait of Jacobus Blauw, only because the French government was lobbied into giving it an export licence. The portrait is the only David in an English public collection and is said to have cost about £1.5m.

"And when I went to look at it to check the artist's handling of paint", Michael Simpson complained yesterday, "they hadn't got it hanging." He explained that there is an 8ft by 5ft version of the Napoleon subject by David at Malmaison.

Yesterday's picture measures 4ft by 4ft and could have been a preparatory modello. "It is certainly not a copy", Simpson says, "there are too many variants. But I suppose it could have been done in the studio by one of his many pupils."

The painting is covered with the grime of ages. When cleaned, compared and inspected by scholars, its authorship should be determined.

In New York a single unknown buyer made a grand slam in cook books, acquiring some 90 per cent of Sotheby's three-session sale of the Marcus and Elizabeth Crahan Collection of Books on Food, Drink and related subjects.

The bids, all on behalf of the same party, appeared to come from three different bidders.

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Inland Revenue clamping down on fringe benefits says top tax consultant

By Ian Griffiths

The Inland Revenue is taking a much more aggressive stance on the taxation of fringe benefits than in the past, a leading tax accountant said yesterday.

Mr Bill Packer, National Tax Technical Director with accountants Touche Ross, said that in recent months tax inspectors had taken a much greater interest in fringe benefits to employees and they were applying the rules much more strictly.

"There has been no change in the law, it is just that the existing laws are being enforced more stringently," he said. "The cases where the Inland Revenue turns a blind eye to fringe benefits are diminishing."

Under tax laws, many company perks, such as a company car, are taxable. The Government has introduced legislation to discourage growth in this area and this has particularly hit company directors and employees who earn more than £8,500 a year.

The latest perk to come under scrutiny by the Inland Revenue is the Christmas party. Mr Packer said that Touche Ross had at least one client who had recently been asked to supple the tax inspector with details of expenditure on staff parties.

If the Inland Revenue decides that the amount spent on directors and higher-paid employees is too lavish, then they will demand an additional payment of tax on the benefit.

The Inland Revenue has said it has no intention of taxing the traditional staff social at Christmas, bit excessive payments could be taxed.

Mr Packer also cited the case of a children's crèche in Holborn, London, which was paid for by employers in the area, mainly to help single-parent families. The local tax inspector argued that this was a benefit in kind and was therefore taxable.

In an effort to help taxpayers employed on the PAYE system of assessment to mitigate their liabilities Mr Packer has co-written a book, published today, called *A Tax Guide To Pay and Perks.*

It sets out the basic rules of PAYE and the tax treatment of fringe benefits. It highlights key areas where taxpayers could take advantage of legislation to reduce his tax bill.

These include:

● Pensions. These are one of the most tax-efficient benefits in the long term. Taxpayers should examine the terms of their plan and consider any additional voluntary contributions they wish to make.

● Company cars. If the car is used mainly for business, the taxpayer should ensure he drives more than 18,000 business miles a year. If the car is rarely used for business, an effort should be made to clock up at least 2,500 business miles in order to reduce tax on the benefit. Any contribution made by the taxpayer to the company for the car should be in respect of the car itself, not the petrol.

● Share Option Schemes. These are increasingly popular and offer tax-efficient opportunities for the taxpayer to take a stake in the company.

● Termination payments. Care should be taken to ensure that the timing of the payment is right.



Tank forerunner: A Hornsby tractor, which first operated on paraffin.

Bank's free service for retired

The Midland Bank is offering a special package including free banking and financial advice as well as reductions of up to £75 on Thomas Cook holidays to retired people over the age of 55 (Peter Wilson-Smith writes). The move is part of a drive to attract savings from retired people

The free banking is available so long as accounts are kept in credit. To qualify for the other part of the package at least £2,000 must be deposited in the Midland's high interest cheque account, which at present pays 10 per cent.

There is also speculation that the bank will extend the free banking service to all its customers who keep their accounts in credit. At present customers must be £100 in credit to qualify for free banking.

The new package for retired people allows a free first consultation on their finances with the Midland Trust Company. Thereafter the charge is £30 an hour.

Tank museum gives 1909 track-layer an outing

A 1909 Hornsby tractor possibly the oldest working track-laying vehicle in the world has been given an outing at the Tank Museum, Bovington Camp, Dorset.

It is still in very good running order and recently a volunteer friend of the museum, Mr Peter Scott, of Blackpool, spent a week of his annual holiday working on it and other armoured vehicles

The museum is trying to get as many as possible of its collection back into working order. £500,000 has already been spent on improvements and a similar sum is needed to enlarge the exhibition halls

The tractor was built by Robert Hornsby and Sons of Grantham, Lincolnshire. Its special "rigid girder" track, which only flexes in the inward direction, was invented and patented by David Roberts, Hornsby's managing director. It was powered by a six-cylinder engine, rated at about 70hp, and originally designed to run on paraffin.

In 1911 a change in War Office policy favoured petrol and the tractor was duly converted. In its modified form it developed 105hp. It was regularly used at annual camps and similar events in the years leading up to the First World War, mainly for hauling heavy guns. However, it was up against the long-established, horse-oriented traditions of the artillery and the idea failed to catch on.

One officer, watching it on such an exercise, wondered if it could be armoured and used to carry troops: he had imagined the tank five years before such things were built.

Motor cycle racing 'unsafe'

By Colin Hughes

Allegations that motor cycle racing riders can be killed and maimed in British races because of inadequate safeguards and race management are made by top international riders on a BBC *Checkpoint* programme being broadcast on television tonight.

An extraordinary furore has accompanied the making of the programme, with senior race officials being quoted in the motor cycling press accusing the BBC team of witch-hunting, smears, and character assassination.

Mr John Edwards, the programme producer, has been astonished by what he calls "intemperate" remarks by members of the Auto Cycle Union's race committee, which is responsible for controlling the sport in the United Kingdom.

Mr Vernon Cooper, the chairman of the committee, who is a dominant figure in the sport and central to the racing fraternity controversy, wrote a letter to *Motorcycle News* published last week accusing the BBC team of throwing a "shroud of secrecy" over the programme. He said he believed the programme is "designed to assassinate me and smear my reputation, a witch hunt so far as motor cycle racing is concerned."

Mr Cooper, who at first insisted on being interviewed for the programme, later decided after consulting solicitors to refuse comment, because he thought the programme would not be "the appropriate forum for disussing the issues raised".

Yesterday he told *The Times* that he did not want to be associated with an investigation by a programme which he thought devoted its attentions to "twisters and rogues".

The Isle of Man TT race comes in for particular criticism.

The programme shows film previously banned by the BBC of a gruesome accident in which two riders died at Silverstone last year. Track officials allowed leading riders to continue for two-and-a-half laps before stopping the race, during which time one of the riders' bodies was lying in the middle of the track.

A trackside doctor interviewed for the programme says it usually takes at least half an hour to move injured riders from an accident to hospitals, which is often crucial in deciding whether they live or die.

BBC plans rival to the 'Street'

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to launch its own rival to *Coronation Street*, a twice-weekly soap opera which will run indefinitely from early next year.

Eastenders is the corporation's first continuous soap opera since the early 1970s and is regarded as a key element in the BBC campaign to win back viewers from commercial television. The corporation would not say how much the serial cost yesterday, or even what time it will be broadcast.

"The timing is a matter for Michael Grade [the new managing director] to decide," a spokesman said.

Miss Julia Smith the programme's producer, who has been working on the project for a year, declined to say how much it cost to build a Victorian Square at Elstree, in studios the BBC bought earlier this year for £7m.

Miss Smith said she had discussed soap opera budgets with Mr Bill Podmore, who produces *Coronation Street*; and thought the cost of the serial would be comparable.

Eastenders will be set in a Victorian square in east London, a mixture of council houses and private properties with its own public house, the Queen Victoria, and a regular multi-racial cast of more than 20.

Wendy Richard, who appeared in *Are You Being Served?*, Shirley Cheriton from *Angels*, and Susan Tully of *Grange Hill* are among the cast.

Vaccine find in hepatitis battle

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A genetically engineered vaccine against the life-threatening liver disease, hepatitis B, has been developed for the international research organization, Biogen, by a team under the direction of Professor Kenneth Murray, head of the department of molecular biology at Edinburgh University. The vaccine is to be manufactured by the Wellcome Foundation under an agreement announced yesterday between the company and Biogen.

The substance proved effective in laboratory trials in protecting chimpanzees against infection. Human clinical trials are planned by Wellcome for next year in several medical centres throughout the world.

Attention has focused on the condition recently in Britain and America because of an increase in the incidence of people becoming infected through injecting themselves with dirty hypodermic needles.

But although there are an estimated 170 million persistent carriers of the infection in the world, the illness is relatively uncommon in Europe and North America. Medical, nursing, and laboratory staff are often at risk from infected blood, serum, and saliva samples.

A vaccine has been produced recently using established methods of vaccine preparation. That involves using infected blood from which to culture a preparation for immunization purposes. It was shown to reduce the incidence in trials among the homosexual population at high risk to hepatitis in America. But the programme of vaccination became complicated after the appearance of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

The genetic engineering approach used for the new vaccine offers a way of avoiding the most difficult and hazardous aspects of producing substances in the traditional manner. The manufacturing process no longer depends on handling infected blood or tissues or storing dangerous viruses.

What Professor Murray's team did was to extract from the infectious material containing the virus in just one protein. It is called the hepatitis B surface antigen, of HBsAg for short. But the presence of just that protein is sufficient to cause the body's defence system to generate antibodies to counteract the source of the virus infection.

Once the HBsAg was isolated, genetic manipulation using yeast cells was used to culture endless numbers of clones of the antigen. There is no animal tissue connected with the process.

The initial study with infectious materials was conducted at the Porton Down microbiological laboratory, of the Department of Health, which has special safe laboratories for handling infectious substances.



Dr Robert Pickard. Inset: Varroa on tail of bee, compared with common six-leg fly parasite Braula

British hives threatened by Oriental bee parasite

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Scientists fear that a bee parasite which is spreading across Europe could destroy honey-bee colonies in Britain and affect plant ecology.

The 1.1 millimetre long, Varroa parasite has lived off the Oriental honey bee for 15m years. In that time evolution has allowed the two species to coexist, with the parasite attacking mainly the drones in its native clime so that the species is not endangered.

But in Europe, where the Varroa has reached eastern France, it feeds off queen and worker alike, which could spell doom for thousands of hives. Although there are no perceptible genetic differences between the European and Oriental bees, the former is threatened because it has not had time to work out a living relationship with its unwelcome guest.

Dr Robert Pickard, director of the Bee Research Unit at University College, Cardiff, fears that because of the independence of keepers, even the Channel and official safeguards will not prevent the march of Varroa.

Winter takes a heavy toll of British bees and, in order to replenish stocks, the country's 35,000 keepers send abroad for new queens.

When imported officially, queens arrive in Britain with an escort of fifty worker bees who groom and clean her on the journey. She will not travel without such an entourage.

At the queen examination centre at Luddington, Ministry of Agriculture scientists make sure she is free of Varroa and replace the foreign worker bees with a British escort.

However, many keepers obtain bees privately, through friends abroad, and the bees sent directly to them do not undergo customs controls.

Varroa can also be introduced by ships and lorries from which they may find their way into hives where, in winter particularly, they can feed freely on their inactive hosts.

Life for ice cream killers

Two men were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for murdering a family of six in Glasgow's ice cream war. Four other men were also jailed at Glasgow High Court for their parts in the violence that culminated in a petrol attack on an ice cream van driver's home.

In the attack on April 16, Tony Doyle, aged 14, and his sister Mrs Christine Halleron, aged 25, perished. Her baby, Mark, aged 18 months, the driver, Andrew Doyle, aged 18, his brother, James, aged 23, and their father, James, aged 53, died later.

The jury returned its verdicts after nine hours of deliberation over two days. The judge, Lord Kincraig told the six accused: "I regard you as vicious and dangerous men in varying degrees."

Thomas Campbell, aged 32, of Barlanark Road, Barlanark, Glasgow, was found guilty of murdering the six members of the Doyle family and was sentenced to life imprisonment, with the recommendation that he serve 20 years. He was also sentenced to 10 years concurrent for his part in a shotgun attack on Andrew Doyle.

Joseph Steele, aged 22, of Craiglockart Street, Garthamlock, Glasgow, was also convicted of the murders and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was found guilty of conspiring to attack a van driver and of damaging an ice cream van and was sentenced to six years and one year, the sentences to run concurrently.

Thomas Gray, aged 31, of Myerside Street, Garthamlock, was convicted of attempting to murder Andrew Doyle and was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment.

Thomas Lafferty, aged 40, of Dudhope Street, Garthamlock, was found guilty of taking part in a shotgun attack to the danger of life and was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

George Reid, aged 33, of Mossdale, Craigend, was found guilty of a knife assault and damaging an ice cream van and was sentenced to a total of three years imprisonment.

John Campbell, aged 21, of Craiglockart Street, Garthamlock, was found guilty of taking part in the attack on an ice cream van and was sentenced to one year imprisonment. He received a three-year concurrent sentence for his part in a shotgun assault.

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Chancellor says Government may change 'anti-jobs' laws

Reports by Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, Derek Barnett, Howard Underwood and Anthony Hodges

There was no short cut to lower unemployment, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, bluntly told the Conservative conference at Brighton yesterday. If there were the Government would have taken it.

They would not reduce unemployment by increasing what the Government spent or borrowed, nor by printing more money. That approach had been tested to destruction during the seventies and unemployment went on rising.

Mr Lawson indicated that the Government was having a look at all those laws which, however well intentioned, made it more expensive or less attractive for employers to take people on.

The main cause of high unemployment in Britain today, and it was much the same in the rest of Europe, was the determination of monopolistic trade unions to insist on levels of pay that priced men out of work altogether. And some of them, not content with this, did their best to strike them out of work as well.

The Chancellor said that time and again they had seen how strikes in Britain had led to orders and jobs going abroad. But it was not just the unions, even though the responsibility lay heaviest with them. Every time weak management agreed to grant an excessive pay claim they were condemning more workers to join the dole queue.

There was no escaping the link between pay and jobs, he added.

But Mr Lawson was in confident mood about the state of the economy, which he described as strong. Inflation was under control, growth continued, enterprise had reawakened, unemployment could be reduced and the future was bright. New businesses were springing up and new jobs being created.

Mr Simon Hoy, Guildford, moved, and conference carried, a motion urging the Government to adhere to its basic policies for controlling inflation and public expenditure and to reinforce them with all possible measures to reform the labour market and ease the transition for those who have to move jobs. He said that the Chancellor should make tax cuts his priority.

Mr Howard Flight, Putney, said Britain had flexible labour markets and trade unions which were the enemy of change.

Mr Robin Hodgson, Walsall North, spoke against the motion, saying it did not mention the need to continue reform of the tax system which contained major anomalies. Women were still treated as chattels of their husbands for tax purposes.

Mr Lawson, in his reply, said the past five years had been years of unprecedented financial stability. There had been no more sterling crises, no more stop-go, no more autumn budgets, no more crawling to the IMF cap in hand, no more panic foreign loans.

"Indeed, we have repaid everything the last Labour Government borrowed", he said to loud applause.

When he had attended the IMF it had been to represent a country whose economic policies were held up as an example to the rest of the world and increasingly that example was being followed.

"Throughout the length and bredth of Europe, even in Socialist France, they are all Thatcherites", he said.

Dangers still abounded. While the international debt problem was under control it was a long way from being solved and, largely because of the massive and unsustainable United States deficit, world interest rates remained uncomfortably high.

"But we can succeed and we will succeed provided we stick firmly to our policies", Mr Lawson said. "It is based on three principles: sound money, fiscal responsibility, which means curbing government borrowing, and setting the people free to give their best."

The scourge of inflation had all but been destroyed, despite doubts by the Government's critics.

No fewer than 364 economists had written a letter to *The Times* to say just that. That had been a rather remarkable event.

"It was the first time in recorded history when 364 economists had agreed on anything and, of course, the one time they did agree they were wrong, because the ink on their letter was scarely dry ehwn Britain's economic recovery began to get under way.

We are now in the fourth year of that enconomic recovery, with no sign of growth coming to an end."

Britain was creating more jobs, many in small firms and new businesses. But the number of unemployed had continued to rise too.

The task was to restablish the enterprise culture and an essential part was cutting taxation. The level of taxation depended directly on the level of government spending.

Whatever their priorities if they were to get taxation down, as they must and would do, then they had to cut their coat according to their cloth.

He added: "Then as the economy continues to grow, provided we can keep control of government spending, we shall create the room to get taxes down further. And those further tax cuts will sustain further growth, a virtous spiral.

"In my Budget this year I embarked on the first stage of a major programme of tax reduction and tax reform, a programme for a Parliament. In next year's Budget I hope to carry the process further. Tax reform is seldom polular but timidity will get us nowhere. I do not see tax reform as a substitute for tax reduction. We need both."

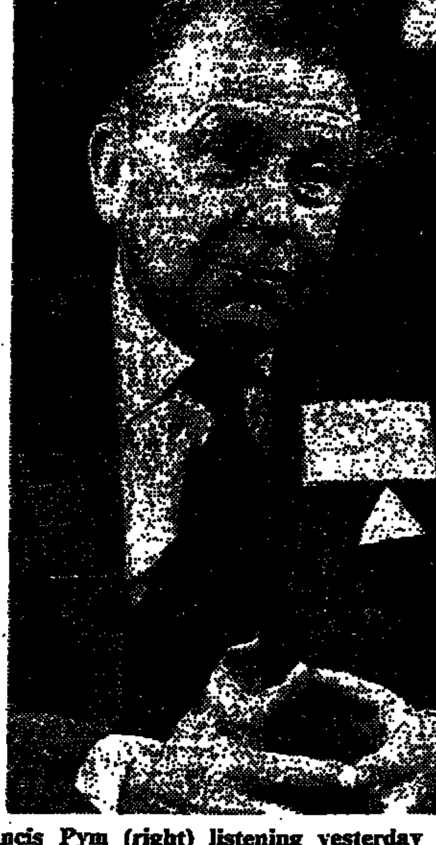
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Today's debates

This morning the conference will debate food and farming, employment and homes and land. This afternoon there will be debates on free enterprise and industry, overseas affairs, and small businesses, the first of the two balloted motions to be considered. The other, to be taken on Friday morning, will concern Northern Ireland.







Mr Kenneth Clarke (left) and Mr Patrick Jenkin speaking, and Mr Francis Pym (right) listening yesterday (Photographs: John Manning).

Clarke attacks 'evil which must be beaten'

Drugs dealers to face life sentences

The maximum penalty for *trafficking* in heroin and cocaine is to be *raised* to life imprisonment in new legislation announced to the conference by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, when he replied to the debate on drug abuse.

He indicated that Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, intended to do that, if possible, in his planned Criminal Justice Bill next year. Trafficking in class A drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, would carry the "life" penalty.

Mr Clarke said that the drugs evil was one which could and must be beaten. More customs staff were to be deployed against drug smuggling and doctors were to be given advice on the treatment of drug abusers and prescribing.

The conference carried a motion requesting the Government to take immediate steps to eliminate drug and solvent abuse, with particular emphasis on harsher sentences for pushers.

Mr John Atkinson, Pudsey, moving it, said children and parents were not adequately informed about the hazards of solvent sniffing and drugs. Liaison between education, health and police authorities could be improved, too.

Mr Jesmond de Silva, an assistant recorder, said that many more young people were dying in squalour through drug misuse and babies were being born with a craving for drugs because their mothers were junkies. Yet the law provided a more lenient sentence for drug barons who killed, killed and killed again, than was provided for muderers, who were sentenced to life imprisoment.

Mr Richard Appleby, Staffordshire, South East, said if young people were left with an uncertain future and time on their hands, no one should be surprised the sense of hopelessness this must generate would lead to escapist behaviour.

Dr David Todd, Conservative Medical Society, said the chronically addicted should be treated in special centres. Glue sniffers, some of whom started as young as 11, should be treated in those centres or in special units at local hospitals.

Mr Clarke, replying to the debate, said that the Government would do everything in its power to protect society against the threat of drug abuse.

There had been action and there would be more action. No one could ignore the hopelessness and despair of many people. He added: "We have no compassion whatever for those people who trade in drugs and cause the suffering. Our job is to nail them and hit them hard."

The men who plotted and planned were not just in England. They were far afield in South America, the Far East, Pakistan.

The Government was seeking to check supplies from abroad, to tighten controls on drugs produced here, to deter and detect the traffickers, to treat those who were addicted, and prevent others falling into the same trap.

Health authorities were to report before the end of the year on the scale of the drugs problems they found could be best tackled.

The Secretary of State (Mr Norman Fowler) proposed to commit £5m more to expanding efforts in prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

The Government was ready to back legislation to outlaw so-called kits for glue sniffing. It was going to give the highest priority to working out material on drugs for parents and young people.

At the end of this month the Government would be sending out guidelines to doctors on the best clinical practice for treating drug abusers. "There will be no more excuses for sloppy prescribing in future," he said.

But the main source of *dangerous drugs was the illegal* organi..ed traffic from abroad.

Pakistan was probably the biggest source of heroin and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, was providing £1m over the next few years to help to promote a programme of crop substitution for the poppy farmers.

In the first eight months of this year Customs had seized more than 231 kilos of heroin, more than double the quantity in the same period last year. Some 200 people had been arrested, 60 of whom were "big fish".

This year the Government had deployed 60 extra officers in the Customs front line against drugs and he could announce that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, had that day given instructions that a further 100 Customs staff would be made available to reinforce controls.

From November 1 all police forces would have specialized *drug units*. The Metropolitan Police had diverted 50 more men to drugs investigations and regional crime squads were concentrating even more of their efforts on drugs.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, replying to the debate on the National Health Service, described the service he wanted to see.

He wanted a service:

- Where medical staff were providing the newest and best treatment which science knew and patients required:
- Building for the future and steadily replacing the Victorian monuments to the past;
- Working with the private sector and the voluntary services on new ideas for patient care;
- Where staff remembered patients had the right to be treated with respect and consideration.

Above all he wanted a health service striving to offer better services to more patients.

The debate was opened by Mr Iain McCrowe, *North East* Fife, who moved a resolution welcoming the increased expenditure on the health service and calling for more cost effective ancilliary services. He said that nobody could dispute that more resources had been devoted to the NHS under the Conservatives.

Mr Fowler, replying to the debate, said that during the past 12 months the hospitals had treated 100,000 more day cases, 300,000 more in-patients and more than 850,000 more outpatients. Each figure was an all-time record for the NHS.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Fringe protest

A group proclaiming themselves as the Irish Freedom Movement and shouting "Troops out of Ireland", waving banners and throwing stink bombs, interrupted a fringe meeting of the Monday Club being addressed by Mr James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist Party MP for Lagan Valley. With the help of the police the group of about fifteen youths were ejected and no arrests were made.

Local government finance review pledge by Jenkin

Ministers at the Department of the Environment are to take a *look* at the entire system of local government finance. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, successfully urged support for that course of action rather than backing for a motion advocating abolition of domestic rates and replacing them with a system of local taxation. That, he pointed out, was a narrow, well-worn road which they knew led nowhere.

He added that Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Local Government, and Mr William Waldegrave, Under-Secretary of State for the Environent, would look at the way the rate support grant was distributed and at the balance between local financing and exchequer financing of council spending.

He had also asked them to see how the accountability of local authorities to their electorates could be strengthened and at how, in any new system, local revenues might best be raised from businesses as well as from householders. That was a broad and demanding remit but nothing less would do. He was as aware as anyone of the imperfections of the system.

Mr Jenkin also referred to what he called a cancer in some local councils which ran much deeper than extravagent spending. In some cities local democracy was under attack: councils squandered millions on virulent political campaigns: officers were selected for their political views: the rights of minorities were suppressed: standing orders were manipulated to stifle debate.

So what had gone wrong. The democratic conventions of local government rested upon a foundation of law whose basis went back to the nineteenth century. The question was whether, as they neared the end of the twentieth century local government could, or should, be expected to continue on the conventions of a century ago.

For some abuses such as the plethora of political propaganda pounded out by the presses of the Greater London Council, the law might not be impotent. But other issues were too complex for snap decisions or emergency Bills. They needed a dispassionate study not only of the abuses but also of the underlying changes they reflected.

He announced that when Parliament reassembled he would put to the House proposals for an inquiry into these issues. He would consult with the larger political parties and with local government. The Government was fully resolved to protect the health of local democracy.

Between 1981 and 1983 they had searched for an alternative tax to domestic rates. That failed and he feared in any further search the outcome could be exactly the same.

Having heard Mr Jenkin, the conference rejected a motion, moved by Mr Nigel Cutts, Rushcliffe, which welcomed the rate capping legislation but urged the Government to make positive steps towards the abolition of the domestic rating system, replacing it eventually with a system of local taxation which bore more fairly on a wider spread of the population.

Mr Cutts said the need to curb the excesses of the loonie left wing high spending councils only served to prove to the electorate that the rating system was unfair.

Mr Graham Down, Bridgend, said more important than the way money was raised by local authorities was how it was spent. The use of ratepayers money for political ends was not confined to those authorities being abolished. There were councils providing meals for the children of striking miners at ratepayers' expense.

Mrs Emily Blatch, leader of Cambridgeshire County Council, said the existing method of domestic rateing was creaking and needed to be reformed to set parameters under which local government could provide services at a price people could afford.

Mr John Campbell, Livingston, said the business ratepayer must be protected. Some form of automatic rebate, perhaps from the age of 70 onwards, might be applicable and perhaps the mythical householder with many children all earning vast salaries could be surcharged for those additional incomes. Rates should be made a prior charge before income-tax, thereby bringing everybody into the system.

Mr Philip Taylor, Henley, said it was no longer feasible to scrap the rates system and find the monies purely from central funding, but something had to be done to change the current unfair structure. Rates should cover all beneficiaries of the services offered."

GLC's 'last 537 days'

The Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils will be abolished at midnight on March 31, 1986, Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, told conference before it carried a motion backing government policy.

He hoped the seven councils concerned would realize that between October 10, 1984, and March 31, 1986, there were 537 days – only 537 spending days left for Mr Livingstone, the GLC leader.

Mr Baker said that in the new session of Parliament in November, the Government would bring in a Bill to transfer most of the metropolitan county and GLC services to the local councils.

Details of all these transfers were complex and the Department of the Environment was making available a question and answer brief about them.

He said the Government expected substantial savings from the abolition of the seven councils.

Heseltine details 'lessons which Labour has forgotten'

No government today could be forgiven, with the lessons of history staring it in the face, if it led Britain back across the same mistakes, the same delusions and the same irresponsibilities of the 1930s, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, declared.

He told the conference during a powerful attack on Labour Party defence policy, that as he surveyed the politics of defence today he heard the arguments that prevailed in the thirties, "it will never happen to us" and "no rearmanment". Neutralism, pacifism, appeasement was the mood in the thirties and no government could claim to have come well out of that period.

The Labour Party had learnt nothing and forgotten everything. The Conservative Government would never ask another British Army to march back into the bloodiness of war because it lacked the foresight and will to take the decisions that had kept the peace, were keeping the peace and would continue to keep the peace.

The conference carried a motion urging the Government to continue its realistic defence policy and strong support of Nato and indicating that it equally supports the Government's initiatives to encourage detente East and West.

Mr Peter Viggers, MP for Gosport, said CND's belief in one-sided disarmament lay either in their faith in Russian intent or that there was no other hope of arms reduction and lasting peace, but there was no prospect of the Russians' reducing their arms if this country were to accept unilateral disarmament.

CND was active in undermining our defence and national morale, it was active in local government, in schools and the churches. Those opposed to unilateral disarmament must not allow these bodies to be hijacked by a minority that represented a one-sided faction.

The Ven Gordon Reid, Provost of Inverness Cathedral, said that as a Christian priest he deplored the repeated assurance that CND spoke for all real Christians.

Mr Heseltine, replying to the debate, said that a year ago protest groups were chanting the simple message that if cruise missiles came to Britain to counter the menace clearly posed by the Soviet SS20s it would amount to a major threat to world peace. What nonsense. On not one day since cruise missiles had been deployed had the peace of Europe looked at risk.

There must be no gap where Britain's ability to respond was in doubt. Polaris was to be replaced by Trident. The cost of so vital an insurance policy was high. The latest estimate was about £9bn spread over nearly 20 years. That should be seen as a proportion of a defence programme of perhaps £360bn.

Mr Heseltine said that the Franks Inquiry into the Falklands conflict totally exonerated the Prime Minister and the Government, that did not suit the Labour Party.

It had been suggested that the Prime Minister sank the Belgrano to undermine the Peruvian peace initiative. No one in London even knew at the time that there was such an initiative. The accusation was absurd.

On May 1 the Argentine Air Force attacked the British Fleet and that night the Belgrano sailed towards the fleet. The commander of the British task force believed that the Belgrano was a threat and asked permission to sink it. The Prime Minister was advised by the Government's most senior military advisers to sink the Belgrano. She was advised that British lives were at risk.

The evidence was overwhelming; the advice categoric; the counter arguments non existent.



Mr Heseltine: Attacking Labour's defence policy

Hope of talks to end strike at Sheffield's Labour bastion

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Pickets huddle in the cold wind on the steps outside their workplace while their employers meet inside to discuss tactics. "They are instructing our members to scab", a union organizer complains. "They want to escalate the disruption", one of the employers retorts. Each side agrees it will be a long strike.

But this is no ordinary dispute between a union and a company or nationalized industry. One of the placards held by pickets says: "Hypocrites – where are your socialist principles?" This is Sheffield City Council, where Labour councillors outnumber those of other parties by more than two to one and determine council policy. Talks could begin today in an attempt to end the strike which has paralysed the housing department.

The dispute began when the council tried to introduce new working conditions in the department. Staff walked out when the council refused to negotiate about the introduction of the new conditions which incorporate what the council calls "single status" for all staff.

That means giving the same terms and conditions to office and manual staff. The strikers say they do not oppose the principle, only the way in which the council tried to introduce it.

But the strikers see darker motives behind the council action. They belong to the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo). Mr Michael Horn, union area organizer for Sheffield, said: "What concerns me is this attempt to denigrate white-collar workers. There is this arrogant attitude that they are highly-paid loafers."

Councillors deny any prejudice against Nalgo in favour of manual unions. The leader of Sheffield City Council is Mr David Blunkett, one of the brightest of Labour's new breed of municipal politicians. While he was being voted back to the party's national executive at the Labour conference at Blackpool last week, his colleagues in Sheffield called in a private security firm to do work normally done by the strikers.

Sheffield was chosen by the Labour Party in the summer for the special national conference at which councillors and other activists voted overwhelmingly for "non-compliance" with government policies such as rate-capping.

They also agreed that one of the keys to the success of "non-compliance" would be trust between council members and the workers they employ. Across the road from the grey facade of Sheffield Town Hall is the local office of Nalgo which has more than 600 council workers on strike. Some councillors are union members and many union members belong to the Labour Party.

"We do not question David Blunkett's integrity", Hilary Bows, a senior shop steward in the housing department, said. "But some of his colleagues in the Labour group intend to smash the union organization."

Fear has helped to fuel the dispute. Hundreds of local authority jobs are at risk in Sheffield in the next two years. The city is in South Yorkshire, the county council which is to be rate-capped next year and abolished a year later.

But the introduction of single status working is the core of the dispute.

Oxfam seeks 1m recruits

Western governments were more to blame for mass hunger in the *Third* World than weather conditions or overpopulation, an Oxfam report has claimed.

***Hungry for Change*, was published yesterday as Oxfam launched its biggest campaign for more than 20 years. It wants to recruit one million members in Britain to press for change in policies which have increased the "hunger gap."**

Taking part in the launch yesterday were Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr Edward Heath, and Dr David Owen (*left to right*). Joanna Lumley and Geraldine James, both actresses and the bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Patrick Rodger, were also supporting the campaign.

The report highlighted "the increasingly disastrous failure of the world food system

New divorce laws: 2

Degree of disagreement best indicator to size of bills

In the second article on the divorce reforms, *Frances Gibb*, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at the cost of divorce.

The legal costs of divorce, which are only the tip of the wider costs of moving house and incurring an increased cost of living, vary according to the degree of disagreement involved. The more the spouse bicker, the bigger the legal bills.

The costs will also vary widely according to the part of the country and the differing overheads of solicitors, so that a basic solicitor's hourly rate could be anything from £25 to £100: and the mark-up (for the importance and complexity of the work) from 33 per cent to 60 per cent.

Costs fall into three brackets: those for the decree proceedings, those for any arguments about maintenance and assets: and for custody of and access to children.

Most divorces are not contested. For the simple, undefended divorce, there is the £40 court fee and the solicitor's own fees, if one is used. A Carlisle solicitor, for example said he would charge £90 to £100 plus value-added tax for all work involved. The total bill would be about £150. In London, and the Home Counties, it could be £200.

The extent to which people can do the divorce on their own depends to a large degree on the helpfulness of the local court, and on the extent to which the spouses agreed. If any matters are contentious, a solicitor should be used.

The only kind of legal aid for such divorces is for the legal advice and assistance. It is strictly means-tested.

If, for example, disposable income (after tax, mortgage or rent and money for dependent relatives) is between £49 and £103 a week, and disposable capital is less than £730 if there are no dependants (£930 for two and £1,050 for three) then legal aid would be granted but contributions required.

Depending on the amount of legal aid, and what is contributed, the cost of a simple undefended divorce could be as little as £20.

The way costs are divided between the parties can depend on the grounds for divorce. The parties may agree to share the costs. But if the grounds are adultery, unreasonable behaviour or desertion, then the person seeking the divorce could ask for all costs to be paid.

The more the other issues, custody of children, property, are contested, the more the costs rise.

An open court hearing for a defended divorce before a High Court judge could mean £1,000 or more in costs for each side.

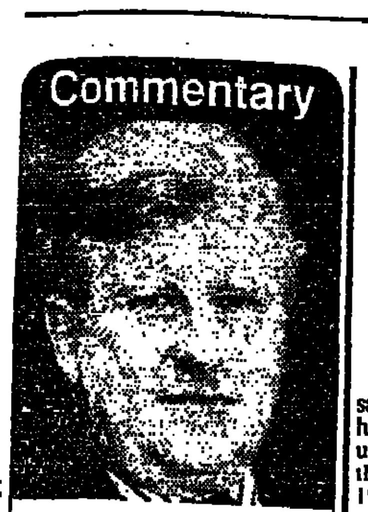
With custody and access, and property and maintenance, the more complicated the settlements, the more the cost.

At minimum, a court dispute about maintenance will cost £250 and probably be nearer £600. Custody disputes, which involve a barrister, mean a starting point of £500, going up to £1,500 for several hearings and involvement of welfare officers to anything approaching several thousand pounds

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Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The least surprising event at Brighton yesterday was that Mr Michael Heseltine received a standing ovation. The Heseltine ovation has become one of the traditional features of Conservative conferences. Not only he would feel lost without it.

For some years now he has shown an uncanny ability to bring members of his party to their feet. I even saw him do it a few years ago on the first morning of a half-empty Scottish Conservative conference at Perth. Before he spoke it would have been hard to think of a significant political occasion with less atmosphere.

No current politician can match him in the art of massaging his party conference. It was never crude demagogery. It was witty, forceful, stylish demagogery. But then in 1981 there came a change.

Up to then he had achieved his effect by telling his audiences essentially what they wanted to hear. The resonant voice, the vivid appearance, the dramatic manner, the mockery of favourite targets, and the pleasing message proved an irresistible combination.

Plight of the inner cities

But at the Blackpool conference that year he deployed his rhetorical skills for a higher purpose. Tory gatherings do not usually like to be told of the plight of the inner cities. They do not instinctively believe that "you have to live there really to understand what three million unemployed means". They do not thrill to the reminder that the immigrant communities are British citizens who are here to stay.

The next year he showed that his 1981 speech was no aberration. Once again he directly criticized not only racial and religious prejudices, but also the inequalities of prosperity in different parts of the country. He even declared that "the provision of public service in our society is central to our Tory faith" – though it was not that part of the Tory faith that had seemed to be uppermost in the conference's mind up to then.

It is this readiness to use his oratorical powers to tell the conference what he thinks it ought to hear rather than what he knows it wants to hear that places Mr Heseltine for the moment ahead of Mr Tebbit, his closest rival as a captivator of the conference.

What then should one make of his speech yesterday? That the rhetoric was spirited almost goes without saying. But was it another example of rhetoric in service of political courage?

He poured scorn upon Labour's defence policy, as one would expect of a Conservative minister with a taste for mockery. He launched a powerful attack upon the case for unilateral nuclear disarmament. But he dealt only perfunctorily with the criticisms that are directed specifically against the Trident programme and the cruise missiles.

Formidable case against unilateralism

This was characteristic of his performance so far as Secretary of State for Defence. He has waged a formidable campaign against the principle of unilateralism, but he seems to believe that if he wins that basic argument he will have done enough to justify Trident and cruise. That is not so.

There are a good many people who believe in preserving a strong defence, who want Britain to remain an active member of a nuclear alliance, but who are not convinced of the need for these particular weapon systems. Mr Heseltine needs to make the case more positively and in greater detail for both Trident and cruise if he is to convince this significant section of opinion.

The difficulty is that the true case for cruise, in particular, is a complex one which does not lend itself readily to the simplicities of conference rhetoric. But Mr Heseltine's reputation as a conference speaker rests upon his refusal to be deterred by the difficulties which inhibit others.

It is not enough to make the case for cruise and Trident in seminars and learned journals. This argument needs to be won in public debate. It is one of the principle challenges that remains for Mr Heseltine in his present office.

Soldier tells how he burnt and buried A-bombs in the Australian desert

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

A former RAAF armourer said in Brisbane yesterday that he had burnt then buried two unused British atomic bombs in the South Australian desert in 1956.

Mr Mark Earner, aged 69, who lives in Brisbane, told the Royal Commission investigating British nuclear tests in Australia that he had been ordered to dispose of the two bombs at the end of testing at Maralinga.

He said the bombs were on a vehicle similar to a front-end loader and he and a number of other servicemen drove into the desert about 10 miles from Woomera, where they burnt then buried the devices in trenches 10ft wide, 10ft deep and 50ft long.

Mr Earner said that he had been engaged with 45 other servicemen in assembling 11 atomic bombs shipped from England in lead-lined crates. Nine bombs were taken to a hangar for "drops".

When the two surplus bombs were burnt they left a white powdery dust. A thick black cloud of smoke shaped like an egg was emitted by the bombs. It rose more than 200ft into the air and did not seem to dissipate as it drifted north.

Interviewed outside the Royal Commission, Mr Earner said that he was sure the bombs he disposed were intact as he would have been engaged in any dismanting work. He said that the disposal party, which he was in charge of, was not given any specific place to dispose of the bombs but just told to take them into the desert, burn them to a cinder and bury them.

Mr Earner said that when the party arrived at the place they had selected for the burial they came across an aborigine driving a tractor. They made him dig the trenches for the bombs.

He also told the commission that he helped to remove the gun turrets from a Lincoln bomber used in November, 1952, for tests at Montebello Island, off the West Australian coast.



Two poll blows for Hawke opponents

From Our Correspondent, Melbourne

The Opposition's chances of winning the December 1 Australian Federal election, already counted as extremely unlikely, received more setbacks yesterday, only two days after the poll was announced.

The first was a Morgan Gallup opinion poll, published in the *Bulletin* magazine, which showed a trend towards Labour bordering on landslide proportions. It showed Labour's popularity had jumped from 50 per cent to 55 per cent in a week. The Coalition Opposition's popularity had slumped from 42 per cent to 37 per cent. The rest was split between the minor parties.

The size of the task facing the Opposition can best be illustrated by translating the figures to a two-party preferred vote, which would represent a swing of 6 per cent to Labour. A uniform swing of that order would mean that Labour would be returned with a majority of 82 seats. The state of the parties would be: Labour 115; Liberals 22; National Party 11.

In another poll published in the *Age* newspaper, in Melbourne, 54 per cent said they regarded Labour as better economic managers than the Liberals, a severe blow to the Liberals who have always regarded themselves as the party of business and economic management.

The approval rating for Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, however, increased by two points from the previous week to 69 per cent and his disapproval rating dropped

Horse fanciers: The Queen viewing mares with Mr William Farish (right) her host at Lane's End Farm near Lexington, Kentucky, and Mr Michael Oswald, her farm manager.

Malta's biggest strike for 20 years

From Our Correspondent
Valletta

Success was being claimed yesterday for the general strike called by the Confederation of Maltese Trade Unions in protest against the Government's lock-out of teachers.

Early yesterday, when the figures were still being counted, the Union of United Workers, which represents employees in both government service and the private sector, said that 27,000 workers, or 25 per cent of the workforce, had obeyed the strike call and that the stoppage was the biggest in Malta for 20 years.

The Movement of United Bank Employees claimed that 90 per cent of itsmembers in the various state-controlled banks had joined the strike.

● The Minister of Justice, Dr Josef Caffar, has brought a motion before the Maltese House of Representatives deploring the fact that Mrs Margaret Thatcher would not accept British responsibility for clearing Maltese harbours of wartime wrecks and bombs.

Reforms for Unesco fail to impress Washington

Paris (NYT) – The United States has expressed dissatisfaction with proposals for improving the way Unesco operates and said it would seek to strengthen them by making additional proposals of its own.

The delegate to Unesco, Mrs Jean Gerard, told its executive board on Tuesday that the special 13-nation committee formed to consider Western criticisms of the UN agency had failed to make the kind of far-reaching recommendations needed or to propose ways of ensuring that changes it did recommend were carried out.

The United States would soon propose additional changes in several areas of operation to the 51-member executive board.

The board is meeting here to examine US and other Western complaints about Unesco and to consider changes in the way it promotes educational, cultural and scientific cooperation.

The new American demands – which include steps to keep the Western industrial members from being outvoted by the Third World majority – appear to represent the Reagan Administration's minimum conditions for remaining in the organization after the end of this year.

Mrs Gerard said the United States wanted to see a new monitoring body created within Unesco to ensure that all changes agreed by the executive board were carried out

Kohl tries to reassure the Kremlin

Peking (Reuter) – Chancellor Kohl said yesterday that West Germany's growing friendship with China was not directed against Moscow and he hoped to see new arms talks between the superpowers after the US presidential election.

After a meeting with the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, in the Great Hall of the People, Herr Kohl said that he intended to raise Sino-West German relations to a new level.

But the Soviet Union should not feel threatened, he added after three days of intensive talks with Chinese leaders.

"The improvement of relations between China and West Germany is not directed against anyone else," he said. "We are talking to each other as sovereign states and this should not stir up either jealousy or fear."

West Germany, however, was living in a particularly exposed position in Western Europe, Herr Kohl said. "It is important for us to have good friends and friendship is not something that develops accidentally."

Herr Kohl said China's concept of "one country, two systems", which would enable it to take back Hongkong while allowing it to stay capitalist, could not be a model for German reunification.

Herr Kohl's six-day trip to China is designed to expand West Germany's commercial links with Peking. The bright prospects for cooperation were underlined yesterday by the signing of a contract by Volkswagen for the joint manufacture of passenger cars in China.

China blames foreigners for talk of dissent

From David Bonavia
Peking

Mr Hu Yaobang, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, has criticized foreigners who say there are "antagonistic views" in the party about the present economic reforms.

"That is not true," he told visiting Japanese politicians. "The thinking of some comrades has lagged behind developments. Those who are against reform are few."

Mr Hu also said: "The reform does not concern the fundamental system of socialism, which China will stick to, nor does it concern only individual systems. It concerns a series of concrete systems in the field of economic management.

The economic reforms begun in 1979 centre round private farming and quasi-capitalistic enterprise in agriculture, and managerial reform

The farm reforms have been fairly successful, but the industrial reforms have been less so because of entrenched bureaucratic interests.

German defence secrets found

Stockholm, (Reuter) – Sweden has seized stolen computer tapes containing vital West German military information during a customs raid, Swedish security police sources said yesterday.

They were commenting on a report in the Stockholm independent daily newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* that said the tapes had been copied at an unidentified West German state computer centre on behalf of an unnamed Eastern block country. The information included satellite intelligence.

Spanish envoy released unharmed after Beirut kidnap ordeal

By Our Foreign Staff

The Spanish Ambassador to Lebanon, Señor Pedro Aristegui, was freed last night a few hours after he was kidnapped by two men armed with assault rifles half a mile from the Embassy in west Beirut.

There was no immediate indication about who was responsible for the kidnapping.

Señor Aristegui was on his way home when he was seized by the men at 3.50pm local time.

It was the fifth kidnapping of a diplomat in the mostly Muslim sector of the city since the start of the year, and it came less than a month after the shadowy Jihad Islani, or Islamic Holy War group issued a threat against Spain.

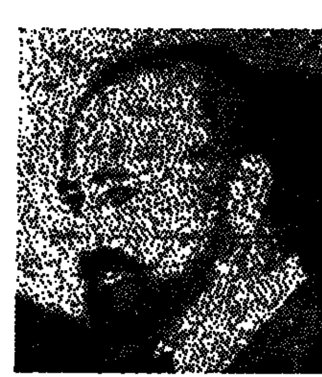
The embassy said that two men armed with Kalashnikovs, stopped the Ambassador's car, forced him into a waiting green Mercedes and sped off.

A Labanese police guard at the Embassy said that the Ambassador had been offered a police escort to his home in the Christian suburb of Hadath, about three miles to the south-east of the Embassy, but had refused.

"The Ambassador said there was no need for an escort," the policeman said. "He got behind the wheel himself and he and the chauffeur drove off. About 10 minutes later, the driver came running back to report the abduction."

Spanish diplomats have been worried about security in recent weeks. In mid-September, all seven diplomats of Spain's Embassy here moved out of west Beirut to Señor Aristequi's residence after the Jihad Islami threat.

The threat, telephoned to a news agency in Beirut on September 15, was aimed both at the Spanish and the Americans. Five days later, the US Embassy "annex" in the suburb of Aukar, east of the capital was devastated in a truck-bomb attack.



Señor Aristegui: Threats against Spain.

The anonymous telephone caller said that Jihad Islami claimed responsibility for "what happened in Marbella." This apparently was a reference to the killing of a Saudi Arabian engineer and wounding of his companion in the Spanish city on September 14

The caller also demanded that two Lebanese men, arrested in Madrid in connexion with the shooting of a Libyan diplomat, be released.

● MADRID: The decision to move diplomats out of the Embassy last month was taken, according to reports here, after tip-off from the CIA that members of the Islamic fundamentalist Musa Sadr Brigades were plotting to kidnap Señor Aristegui of a member of his staff (Richard Wigg writes).

The Ambassador established contact with Lebanon's Shia *Mufti* Abdul Amir Kabalan, and the Amal militia and it was decided it would be safe to reopen the Embassy.

The miners' strike comes to Strasbourg



Flying the flag: British Euro MPs in Strasbourg holding aloft a Welsh miners' lodge banner when they attempted to break through the rules of a procedure and introduce a discussion on the strike.

Nicaragua loses loans from World Bank

Washington (AP). – The World Bank has cut off $2m worth of loans to Nicaragua because it has fallen behind by 90 days in repaying some of its debt, a spokesman said.

The bank is talking to the Nicaraguans in the hope of getting them to resume regular payments.

Push-button sun house

Paris – What is believed to be the world's first rotating house, which can be turned to face the Sun or the shade by pressing a button, has been built by its French inventor, M Francois Labbé in the village of Saint-Isidore, near Nice (Diana Geddes writes).

The all-metal house, constructed on a central pivot through which essential supplies sucsh as gas, water and electricity, are piped, has attracted foreign interest.

Civilian prison for junta chief

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – An Argentine court has ordered the former president, General Jorge Videla, and a member of his former ruling military junta to be transferred to a civilian prison pending trial on charges of human rights violations, court sources said.

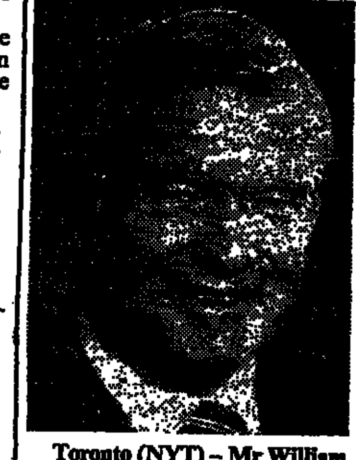
General Videla and the retired Admiral Emilio Massera were awaiting court martial in military barracks.

Russian protest over arrest

Oslo. (Reuter) – The Soviet Union has protested to Norway over the arrest and detention by police of a Soviet diplomat's wife for attempting to cash and allegedly fake $500 bill.

The Soviet Embassy accused security police of provocation and of violating diplomatic immunity.

Stepping down



Toronto (NYT) – Mr William Davis, Premier of Ontario, has announced his intention to resign after 13 years in office. The Tory leader, aged 55, said he would remain until a leadership convention he had requested for January. He will then continue to sit in the provincial Parliament until an election is held.

Airport reopens

Reykjavik, (AP) – The University of Iceland reopened and an airport blockade by pickets was lifted yesterday during the seventh day of a government employees' strike

Jail transfer

Madrid – the three suspected ETA terrorists' extradited by France to Spain have been transferred to Alcala high-security jail outside Madrid from the Carabanchel prison hospital to await preparations for their trials on murder charges.

Smoking curb

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Employers in Los Angeles who fail to provide non-smoking areas for their workers could go to jail for up to six months under a by-law

Belize plea

New York (Reuter) – Belize yesterday urged neighbouring Guatemala to abandon what it called "false claims" to Belize's territory. Guatemala calls Belize a province.

Passenger burnt

Melbourne, (Reuter) – An Australian man age 25 set himself alight in the lavatory of a Philippine Air Lines DC-10 on a flight from Manila, police said.

3-D Kung Fu

Peking (Reuter) – A Chinese film crew has started shooting the country's first three-dimensional Kung Fu movie, a Sino-Japanese called *The Chivalrous Woman Shisanmei.*

Refugee aid blocked by Israelis

Beirut (AFP) – The Israeli Army is preventing United Nations food and medical aid from reaching Palestinian refugees in south Lebanon, the UN Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) said yesterday.

Mr William Lee, the agency's spokesman, said that since September 19 no Unrwa vehicle had been allowed to cross the only point into south Lebanon at Bater, 30 miles south of the capital. Even ambulances had been turned back.

Three weeks ago the Army tightened regulations for crossing into Israeli-occupied south Lebanon, forcing goods to be transferred to another vehicle already on the occupied side, and obliging people to walk four miles.

Mr Lee said that though the agency considered that its vehicles should be exempt from the Israeli rules, it had agreed to secure a special permit for each

He complained, however, that despite these concessions on Unrwa's part, a vehicle from the capital had again been turned back on Monday along with an ambulance from Tyre.

Happy Peres flies to see Mondale

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan has promised Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, more American economic support for Israel's ailing economy and has received from him politically potent praise as a "true friend of Israel".

Mr Peres yesterday ended three days of talks on Israel's economic recovery programmes; the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon; and prospects for Middle East peace.

It was Mr Peres's first visit to Washington since becoming Prime Minister. He flew to New York yesterday to meet Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic presidential candidate.

President Reagan said after a two-hour meeting at the White House with Mr Peres on Tuesday, that ties between the United States and Israel remained unbreakable and continued to grow stronger.

Mr Peres said yesterday that the US had agreed to provide economic aid of $1.2bn (960m) in the first quarter of the fiscal year 1985, rather than spreading payments over 12 months.

President Reagan stood by his deadlocked September 1, 1982 Middle East peace initiative which called on Jordan to enter negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. Mr Peres, in a television interview, did not rule out dialogue with Jordan. The Reagan Administration is keenly awaiting the outcome of the visit of President Mubarak of Egypt to Jordan.

● TEL AVIV: Prominent members of Mr Peres's Cabinet said yesterday that the promised American economic help would not relieve the Israeli Government and people of prime responsibility for the country's economic recovery (Moshe Brilliant writes).

Mr Gad Yaakobi, Minister of Economic Planning, said the American gestures which included transferring the entire annual economic grant in one lump sum instead of in instalments, would ease Israel's foreign currency predicament but, he added: "What matters more is what's being done here in this country."

Botha angry at Labour mission

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, loosed another diplomatic salvo at Britain yesterday over its handling of the Durban consulate affair.

He gave a warning that a proposed visit to the consulate by an emissary of Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader would be regarded by Pretoria as a breach of international law.

Mr Kinnock has announced that he intends sending Mr Donald Anderson, a barrister and Methodist lay preacher who is the Opposition spokesman on southern African affairs, to South Africa next weekend to hold talks with the three political fugitives still sheltering in the Britain consulate.

Mr Botha learnt of the Anderson visit only hours after he had sent a sharply worded *aide memoire* to London complaining about an interview with the fugitives shown on Independent Television on Sunday night.

The consulate staff were unaware that the interview – conducted via a radio microphone smuggled on to the premises – had taken place.

Mr Botha said that Mr Anderson did not require a visa to come to South Africa, but added: "While the South African Government has said it would welcome fact-finding missions by leading members of the British Labour Party, it feels constrained to call attention in this instance to the blatantly political nature and purpose of Mr Anderson's intended visit...

"By allowing Mr Anderson access to the consulate to visit the three South African nationals still granted illegal refuge, the British Government will be in further breach of its solemn international obligations and undertakings."

● LONDON: Britain has told the three political fugitives that it takes a "very serious view" of the clandestine interview given by one of them to a television reporter (Henery Stanhope writes).

Mr Simon Davey, the Consul, who has been playing reluctant host since the Durban Six sought sanctuary there last month, has demanded new assurances that it will not happen again.

The Foreign Office emphasized last night that there was no change in the Government's policy

Tokyo's four points for Gulf peace

Iraq sees ships as fair game

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Iraq has said that it will continue to attack foreign vessels approaching the Iranian oil terminal on Kharg Island, as well as the installation itself, despite international protests and efforts to ensure free navigation in the Gulf.

Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, said in an address in New York that the blame for the death of two British officers in the Iraqi air attack on the supertanker World Knight on Monday lay with Britain for continuing to deal with Iran.

Countries which continued to import Iranian oil, such as Britain, Japan and West Germany, were simply funding Iran's oil coffers and should not expect anything less from Iraq.

The Iraqi threat came after Japan put forward a four-point proposal for phasing out the Gulf war. Experts believe it provides the only realistic basis for bringing Iran and Iraq to an accommodation. Combining the immediate interests of both sides, the plan dispenses with the need for formal negotiations.

The plan's first point, a limited ceasefire to halt attacks on civilian targets, is already largely effective through the efforts of Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General.

The proposals then call for a commitment by Iraq to forgo further use of chemical weapons. The military supplies pouring into Iraq from the Soviet Union and other countries have sharply reduced its need to rely on chemical weapons.

United Nations confirmation that chemical weapons were used has partially met Iran's political need for the international community, however indirectly, to identify Iraq as the aggressor.

The remaining aspects of the Japanese package are a pledge by both sides to allow free navigation in the Gulf, meaning an end to Iraqi attempts to blockade Kharg Island, and an agreement by Iran to permit the dredging and reopening of Iraqi ports and harbours.

Each country could satisfy its honour by interpreting some of the points, for domestic reasons, as an overt surrender by the other side, or choosing other points to remain as tacit understandings.

● Tokyo: The Japanese will have an important role in any solution of the war (David Watts writes). But their approach is so cautious that they even shrink from using the word mediation.

Mr Shintaro Abe, the Foreign Minister, met leaders of both countries several times in recent months, and he takes much of the credit for the present slower pace of the war.

Even that role has been unusual by Japanese standards, so this week Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, has been encouraging Mr Abe and the other Japanese Foreign Ministry officials to persevere in spite of the attack on World Knight.

The Japanese, buyers of Iranian oil and contractors in Iraz, see their role as helping the initiative by Mr Pérez de Cuéllar.

Mr Luce has found the Japanese eager to play a part in the Middle East along side countries like Britain.

There is no question at this time of Japanese vessels patrolling the Gulf. Although a recent Japanese-fAmerican study suggested that Japan should start dispatching its forces abroad on peace-keeping missions, Mr Abe has denied any such intention.

Hurricane threat to Challenger

From Our Correspondent Washington

Hurricane Josephine, with winds of 85 mph about 500 miles east of the Florida coast, was caising concern to Challenger mission control officials last night as it drifted northwards.

They were monitoring the storm closely because if it headed westward towards Florida it could delay Challenger's planned landing on Saturday at the Kennedy Space Centre on the Atlantic coast.

The spacewalk, due today, by Kathryn Sullivan and David Leestma, may be delayed by a day if Challenger's landing is put off and the mission extended to nine days from the scheduled eight. It will be the first by an American woman

Officials said they would be watching the hurricane closely before deciding what to do.

President Reagan is due to talk to the crew today.

US to seek extradition of arms case Britons

Chicago (AP) – Two men from the Chicago area, charged with conspiring with three Britons to ship military parts to Iran, are expected to surrender to authorities later this week, US Federal officials said.

Mr William Fowler and Mr George Veto were charged on Tuesday in a 20-count indictment with attempting to export implements of war from the United States without the necessary licences, and with falsifying export-control documents, the officials said on Tuesday.

Mr David Sofaer and Mr Howard Freckleton of London and Mr Gerald McDevitt of Surrey also were charged with the crimes in the indictment which alleged they were acting on behalf of Iranian military procurement offices in London.

The Justice Department would pursue the extradition of the men from England, Mr Allen Wilk, a US Customs officer in Chicago, said.

The two Americans were charged with shipping spare parts for Iranian ships, helicopters and fighter aircraft to the other three men between June 1982 and February 1984, officials said.

In January, Customs agents at O'Hare international airport, Chicago, secretly intercepted aircraft parts which were being sent to London by Mr Fowler and Mr Veto, the indictments said. The agents replaced the parts with dog food, equal to the weight of the shipment, and then sent it to London, where it is alleged they traced it to the three British men, an assistant US attorney in Chicago said.

PLO heads Amman agenda

Amman (Reuter, AP) – President Mubarak of Egypt said in Amman yesterday that he had discussed with King Husain the prospects of finding a just solution to the Palestinian issue, according to the official Jordanian news agency. The President was on the second day of a three-day state visit.

The agency quoted Mr Mubarak as telling reporters: "Jordan is a principal element in the Palestinian cause by virtue of its organic link with this just cause."

He urged the Palestinians to unite "so that efforts being made for a just settlement of your cause do not go to waste." The President was apparently referring to splits within the PLO over the leadership of Mr Yassir Arafat, whom Syrian-backed groups want to remove.

At a banquet hosted by the King in Mr Mubarak's honour on Tuesday night, the Egyptian leader mentioned a peace strategy while praising Jordan's resumptipon of ties with Cairo. Egypt and Jordan resumed diplomatic ties two weeks ago after a five-year break

"Unity of words is our path and establishment of justice and peace our goal. ... You (Husain) have valiantly opened the door for unifying positions and for a fresh struggle under a peace strategy." Mr Mubarak said.

His remarks were widely seen as the clearest indication yet that an important purpose of Jordan's restoration of ties with Egypt was to create a united front to press for Middle East peace.

The King said Jordan was firm about upholding the legality of the PLO

Moscow strives for Mid East foothold

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Moscow's red-carpet treatment of Colonel Ali Abdullah Saleh, the leader of North Yemen, is part of a drive by the Kremlin to gain a firmer foothold in the Middle East according to diplomats here.

Yesterday *Pravda* published details of a treaty of friendship between Russia and North Yemen, which is normally considered pro-western. Moscow already has close ties with Marxist South Yemen. Mr Ali Nasser Mohammed, the South Yemem leader, ended talks with President Chernenko on Monday before leaving for North Korea.

The treaty between Moscow and Sanaa was signed at the Kremlin by Colonel Ali Abdullah Saleh and Mr Chernenko, who remarked that cooperation between the two countries had "been elevated to a new and even higher level". A similar treaty with South Yemen was signed five years ago.

Mr Chernenko used the occasion to attack American domination of the Middle East, and to condemn Israel for acting as "Washington's truncheon" in the region. He said Russia was the "loyal and dependable friend of the Arab peoples" and repeated Moscow's proposal for an international conference involving the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The North Yemen leader noted that ties between Moscow and Sanaa dated back to the beginning of the century. He thanked Russia for its economic aid to North Yemen and its support for the people of Palestine.

Diplomats commented that North Yemen has close links with Sandi Arabia, and could play a role in Moscow's attempt to establish ties with the conservative Arab oil states.

Reports of a forthcoming visit to Moscow by Shaikh Yamani of Sandi Arabia on behalf the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have renewed speculation about diplomatic relations between Moscow and Riyadh.

Russia already has diplomatic relations with Kuwait, which agreed to buy Soviet arms after a visit to Moscow this summer by Shaikh Salem al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Defence Minister.

Moscow restored full diplomatic relations with Egypt in July, but remains profoundly suspicious of attempts to widen the Camp David agreement

250,000 at Taipei rally hear president's pledge

Taipei (AFP) – Taiwan yesterday celebrated the seventy-third anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of China with president Chiang Ching-Kuo reiterating his Government's dedication to eliminating communism from China and enabling mainland Chinese to regain freedom. The 74-year-old President made a brief appearance at a rally attended by 250,000

The nationalist regime, which fled to Taiwan in 1949 after the communist takeover on the mainland, has refected Peking's proposals for Taiwan's peaceful reunification with the mainland.

● HANOI: China ignored ceremonies marking the thirtieth anniversary of Ho Chi Minh's communist capture of Hanoi, and kept its Ambassador away.

"The Ambassador did not come because of the unpleasant remarks which were made yesterday about China,"

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Kasparov helped by Karpov's insipid opening

Moscow (Reuter) – Anatoly Karpov, the reigning champion surprised grandmasters observing the eleventh game of the world chess championship match yesterday by choosing a new opening variation which many of them described as insipid.

Karpov, playing white, used the Reti opening, noted for leading into quiet positional games.

Experts in the audience said the decision must have come as a surprise and a relief to Gary Kasparov, the challenger, who has lost his two previous games with the black pieces

Karpov leads 4-0 in the series.

Eleventh game
White Karpov. Black Kasparov
Reti opening

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5	O-O	P-KKt3	6	P-QKt3	B-KKt2
7	B-QKt2	O-O	8	P-K3	P-K3
9	P-Q4	Q-K2	10	Kt-B3	Kt-R3
11	Q-K2	P-Q4	12	KR-Q1	KR-Q1
13	QR-B1	PxBP	14	KtPxP	QR-B1
15	Kt-Kt5	B-K5	16	P-QR4	Kt-Kt1
17	PxP	PxP	18	B-K5	Kt-K1

Blinded wife to cut out husband's eyes

By Hazbir Teimourian

The hopes of millions of Iranians that the zeal of their Islamic leaders might diminish with time have evaporated with the decision of an Islamic court to allow a jealous husband to be blinded by his wife as punishment for blinding her.

According to reports from Tehran, the act may be televised. Mrs Maryam Zavarei, aged 22 has already chosen the instrument she will use: a pair of scissors.

Mrs Zavarei says she was forced by her family to marry Mr Taghi Zavarei when she was only 12 and he 14.

She told the Tehran press that her husband recently drove her to the desert outside the city to enable her to visit their children, over whom he has custody. There he let out two men from the car boot and, while they held her down, he removed her eyes with a knife.

The court decided she was entitled to similarly blind him.

Gorbachov at centre of Soviet leadership changes

From Richard Owen Moscow

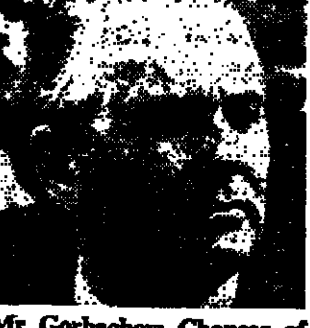
There is speculation in Moscow that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Number 2 in the Kremlin, may be relieved of his responsibilities as secretary in charge of agriculture at the forthcoming Central Committee plenum. But opinions differ on whether this would improve or reduce his chances of succeeding the ailing President Chernenko as Soviet leader.

Senior Soviet officials confirmed this week that a plenum would be convened later this month, in addition to the regular Central Committee session next month on the eve of the meeting of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament). Tuesday, October 23, has been mentioned as a likely date.

The special plenum will discuss agriculture, according to some sources, although others say the new party programme and "organizational matters" are on the agenda as well. This could involve changes in the 12-man Politburo.

Mr Chernenko's position as General-Secretary is not now thought to be in doubt. Since rumours of the Soviet leader's physical and political weakness arose in August and September, Mr Chernenko has been built up in the Soviet media to underline his formal authority. Yesterday, *Pravda* carried a full account of his talks with President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen, which were also featured on state television.

Mr Gorbachov, although by far the youngest Politburo member at 53, is the most powerful challenger for the leadership. He controls cadres (appointments), as well as agriculture, and has overall responsibility for economic matters as well as a say in ideology.



Mr Gorbachov: Chances of succession reassessed.

A high-level exposure of agricultural shortcomings after a series of bad harvests could be used against Mr Gorbachov. On the other hand, he might be glad not to have the traditional millstone of Soviet politics hanging round his neck.

"If he was free of farming problems, Gorbachov could concentrate on more general matters," one Kremlin watcher said. "He could act as general-secretary in all but name."

Mr Gorbachov made the main speech at a Central Committee conference of regional secretaries in March, but there was no mention of a plenum on agriculture, suggesting that it has been convened at short notice.

There are unconfirmed reports of a reshuffle involving officials responsible for Moscow's relations with Eastern Europe after a period of contentious East Germany.

Mr Konstantin Rusakov, head of the department for liaison with Communist parties in the socialist countries, may be replaced by his hardline first deputy, Mr Oleg Rachmanin, informed sources said. Mr Rachmanin wrote an article in April (using the pen name Borisov) harshly critical of liberal East European countries, such as Hungary.

There may also be new faces in the Politburo itself. Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, aged 79, who is Prime Minister and a Politburo member, is rumoured to have renewed his request for honourable retirement.

French clampdown on illegal migrants

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In response to the rising tide of racism in France, which is being so successfully exploited by the extreme right, the Government announced new measures yesterday to crack down on illegal immigrants.

From now on, members of the family of an immigrant already resident in France will not be allowed to join him on a visitor's visa, while awaiting authorization for permanent residence, but will have to obtain the necessary papers before his departure from his country of origin.

Airlines will be asked ot check at the moment of embarkation that passengers have the correct papers permitting their entry into France. In addition, the strength of frontier and airport police are to be increased by about 1,000.

Any foreigner found to have entered French territory illegally, or who does not possess the correct papers, will be automatically expelled and banned from returning for a specified period. That will prevent would-be immigrants from trying to get back into the country on the pretext of a private visit.

From next April, the Government hopes to be ready to enter into a centralized police computer details of identity of those foreigners who have been expelled.

500 years of Christianity in Americas

Pope in the footsteps of Columbus

From Peter Nichols
Rome

The Pope sets foot today in the Dominican Republic following, this time, in the footsteps of Christopher Columbus, rather than the shoes of the Fisherman, as he opens solemn celebrations marking the five-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the Americas.

He is, of course, nine years before time. Columbus made his landfall there on the night of October 11, 1492, and the first Mass in the New World was celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany in 1494 in what he named "Hispaniola".

But the intention of the Pope and, in particular, of the Latin American bishops, is to have a long period of festivities culminating in a special jubilee year for Central and South America.

In this, the Pope is following the example of the late Cardinal Wyszynski who, when celebrating the thousandth anniversary of the conversion of Poland to Christianity, spread the commemoration over nine years. The Pope is by no means prepared to ignore a good Polish example.

The journey is his twenty-fourth outside Italy, one of his briefest in terms of time, yet eagerly awaited. His overnight stop last night at Saragossa was arranged to meet King Juan Carlos's personal request to recognize



Father Boff: In vanguard of liberation theology.

Spain's crucial role in taking Catholicism to what became known, as a consquence, as Latin America.

He is now scheduled to spend an afternoon and evening in Santo Domingo, and then briefly visit Puerto Rico before returning to Rome. It is a highly concentrated journey of deep historical importance and of immediate contemporary significance.

This will be the second time the Pope has been to Santo Domingo. He stopped there in January, 1979, on his way to Mexico on the first leg of his first journey as Pope, and he recalled then that it was there that "the first cross was placed, the first Mass celebrated and the first *Ave Maria* said".

This time the visit is much more solemn. Waiting to meet him will be all the cardinals of Latin America with the chairmen of the episcopal conferences of Spain, Portugal, the United States, the Philippines and the countries of Latin America.

He meets them in the midst of the controversy over 'liberaion theology' – the approach to the Church's role in Latin American affairs devised largely by Latin American theologians – which has come under heavy criticism from Rome.

Last month, the Brazilian theologian, Father Leonardo Boff, was summoned to Rome to explain some concepts in his latest work.

At the same time, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the former Holy Office, issued an "instruction" pointing to alleged errors in the work of some liberation theologians, including dependence on Marxist methods of argument.

The Pope upheld his own opinion that ideological methods could not be allowed to enter theological discussion. But he was relatively mild to the extent that some writers saw his colw as a mediation between the bishops and the Congregation.

In the end the Peruvians and the Congregation, after some tense discussion, managed to agree, rather surprisingly, of a final document which will be published once the Pope has approved it.

The Pope has still to see the solution of the problem of the three priests holding ministries in the Nicaraguan Government who have been instructed to resign on the ground that such office is incompatible with the priesthood.

One, Father Fernando Cardenal,, is a Jesuit, and there had been hopes that the Jesuits would have been able to conclude the affair in the course of a meeting this week of provincials with Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, the Jesuit Father General, who is at the moment in Latin America.

Last February the general began arrangements for a meeting of Jesuit provincials in Central and northern Latin America and chose Santo Domingo as the place. In the meantime the Pope decided to go to Santo Domingo apparently unaware of the general's plans.

The Jesuits preferred, however, to go elsewhere, shifting their talks to Caracas. Not everyone perhaps can happily countenance nine years of festivities, and some of the Jesuits in Central America have inclined towards the liberation theology themselves.



Court battle: General William Westmoreland, the former US commander in Vietnam, leaving the federal courthouse in New York after jury selection began for his libel action against CBS television over a report on the war.

El Greco gets Greek President's attention

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

President Constantine Karamanlis of Greece dedicated much of his attention yesterday on the next to last day of his official visit to Spain, to another Greek – El Greco.

He visited the El Greco museum in Toledo, where many of the masterpieces painted by Theotocopoulos, the Greek artist who made his name in Spain and went down in history, because of his difficult name, as simply El Greco, are on display.

Another prominent Greek was the president's hostess on Tuesday night: Queen Sofia of Spain. At the formal dinner in his honour given by King Juan Carlos and the Queen, Mr Karamanlis recalled that he had known both of them since their youth, and he said: "I'm pleased because my plans and wishes for their future have been fully justified by developments."

In speeches at the dinner, neither the Greek President nor the King made any direct reference to Mr Karamanlis's action when he headed the Greek Government following the end of the dictatorship. He then put the question to the Greek people in a referendum as to whether the country should be a republic or a monarchy. Greece rejected the monarchy and thus the chances of Queen Sofia's brother, King Constantine, of recovering his throne vanished.

At the dinner, the President said he was happy that his country supported Spain's efforts to enter the EEC. He also expressed confidence in "the great role which Europe can play in strengthening international peace".

He added, however, that European countries gave the impression "of being afraid of precisely what can save Europe".

German couple on spy charge

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

An insurance manager, aged 54, from Trier, and his wife, aged 42, have appeared before a special court charged with spying for East Germany.

The charges come as police are still investigating the mysterious disappearance of a lawyer in the Bavarian Finance Ministry who is thought to have been linked with the spy who gave away secrets of the Tornado combat aircraft.

The Trier couple were arrested in November on charges of systematically spying out German and American military installations in the area, and giving the East German Ministry of State Security information about members of the Army or police they got to know.

The man, whose name has not been disclosed, is said to have received training in East Germany and was sent to Strasbourg with a new identity in 1964. A year later he moved to Trier, and began spying with his wife after their marriage in 1968.

The disappearance of Herr Hartmut Goers from his office in Munich is more potentially damaging and embarrassing to Bonn as there appears to be a connexion with the arrest of Herr Manfred Rotsch, the engineer at Messerschmitt - Bölkow-Blohm (MBB) aerospace, on charges of spying for the Soviet Union.

The lawyer reported sick the day after Herr Rotsch was arrested, and has since vanished with his wife and two children. The Bavarian Finance Ministry said Herr Goers did not have access to classified material, but Herr Rotsch is thought to have severely damaged Western security by revealing plans for a new five-nation fighter aircraft.

Thai troops quit villages on border

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Thailand has withdrawn most of its forces from three disputed villages in its northern border with Laos, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman who said last night that the Army was expected to withdraw the remainder shortly.

Since the start of the dispute, Laos has insisted that progress towards a settlement was impossible while Thai soldiers occupied the villages which are cliamed by both countries.

The withdrawal has gone ahead despite reports by Thai officials on the spot that Laotian artillery is continuing to shell the villages.

These developments coincided with statements by Thailand and Laos to a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council in New York. Laos accused Thailand of military aggression and expansionism. Thailand invited the UN Secretary-General to send a fact-finding mission to the border and said it was ready to accept impartial arbitration.

The Security Council adjourned without any decision.

Despite the bitter border dispute the annual boat races between Laos and Thailand are going ahead. These are designed to foster friendship between the two countries and are taking place on the Mekong River.

Eight Turks killed in Kurd ambush

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Eight Turkish soldiers were killed, and another soldier and a non-commissioned officer were injured in an ambush on Tuesday as their vehicle passed near the town of Çukurca on Turkey's border with Iraq, it was announced here yesterday.

The attack is believed to have been carried out by Kurdish separatist guerrillas forming the military wing of the illegal Kurdish Labour Party (PKK).

The ambush came a week after a similar attack in which an officer, and NCO, and a soldier were killed. That attack coincided with a visit to the area by President Evren.

Tuesday's ambush, coinciding this time with a visit by Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, to the region, was reportedly accompanied by clashes between troops and guerrillas in Adiyaman and Agri near by.

Mr Ozal echoed President Evren in blaming unnamed foreign enemies for instigating ethnic unrest.

A brigadier general in charge of border security told the Prime Minister that difficuties of communication in the mountainous area precluded effective combat.

He said that a 10-mile stretch of territory in northern Iraq was "a lair of criminals".

Indonesian ex-minister arrested

From Our Correspondent
Jakarta

Security forces have arrested Mr H. Muhammed Sanusi, a former Home Industries Minister and one of the signatories of a statement for a commission of inquiry into the Tanjung Priok riots in which 18 people died last month.

Reliable sources in the group of 50, a loose organization of retired civil servants, academics and generals disaffected with some aspects of the Suharto Government, told *The Times* that Mr Sanusi, who is 64, was arrested at his home in Jakarta between 11pm and midnight on Tuesday.

Most of the other 21 signatories have been undergoing intensive questioning by district attorneys since Monday.

Indo-Pakistan tensions

Peace pact on ice until after elections

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Relations between India and pakistan, which generally fluctuate between open hostility and guarded friendliness, are taking a downward curve. While both sides have expressed a desire to reach a non-aggression pact, India is putting everything on ice, at least until after the forthcoming elections.

Indian officials are still bitterly sore at Pakistan over the training camps they believe exist across the border from Punjab and Rajasthan where Sikh terrorists receive instruction in murder and mayhem. The belief was expressed forcefully a few days ago by Mr M.M.K. Wali, the senior civil servant in the Home Ministry, who said in Srinagar that India now has sufficient evidence to prove it.

The belief was given a further impetus yesterday with a report that as the armed forces searched various lockers in the offices of the management committee of the Golden Temple of Amritsar before handing the buildings back to officials. They found Pakistan currency notes and rounds of ammunition marked as originating at the Pakistan ordnance factory.

The subject was said to have been at issue when a senior Indian External Affairs official, Mr Gopalaswamy Parthasarathy meet the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sahaszada Yaqub Khan in New York. The latter is reported to have asked whether the dialogue towards a non-aggression pact or a treaty of peace and friendship could be resumed. He was told that India needed to convinced of his country's good intentions, and that handing back the hijackers would be convinced of his country's good intentions, and that handing back the hijackers would be as good a token as possible.

Sahabzada Yaqub said that he was not able to do that and was brusquely told that the United Arab Emirates had managed to do so.

A visit to India by the Pakistan Planning Minister due last month has not happened, and arrangements made earlier in the year during a visit to Islamabad by the Indian Information Minister for an exchange of radio and newspaper correspondents have still not come to fruition.

Under these circumstances the constant irritant of border incidents along the line of actual control between the two parts of Kashmir tend to become inflated beyond their real importance. Shots have been fired a number of times in recent months in the high glaciers and also lower own the line.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the son of the Indian Prime Minister, has allowded himself to suggest that there could be a real outbreak of hostilities before long. Available indications are that some sabre-rattling is likely before the elections to Parliament, but that progress may well resume afterwards.

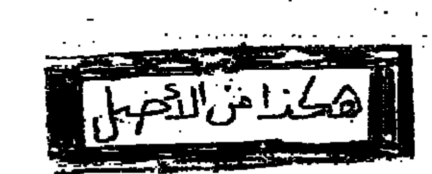
Sofia executes bomber

Sofia (Reuter) – A man was executed in Bulgaria for sending parcel bombs which killed five people and injured nine, Sofia radio reported yesterday

Quoting an announcement from the chief prosecutor's office, it said Plamen Antonov Penchev, from Sevlievo in central Bulgaria, was sentenced to death by the Supreme Court on July 4. It did not say when he was executed.

The parcel bombs were sent in Sevlievo and Gorna Oryakhovitsa in the north-east. The radio gave no details of the bomb victims or the attacker's motives.

Earlier, Sofia-based Western diplomats had told journalists that bombs exploded in Plovdiv and several other Bulgarian cities throughout the summer. This was denied by the authorities when journalists sought confirmation.



SPECTRUM

'Praises of the best-Irish-poet-since-Yeats variety make him squirm. He bears an Irish literary tradition that is at once a crown and a yoke'

John Morris

Poet, pilgrim, fugitive . . .

The Times Profile: Seamus Heaney

Seamus Heaney lives in a large, Edwardian house in south Dublin, facing the bay, and near Sandymount, the birthplace of W. B. Yeats. Joyce's Martello Tower is a short car ride away, and Joyce "appears" twice in Heaney's new book. Fires burn in the Heaney home; there are big soft sofas, books and pictures; the atmosphere is comfortable and welcoming.

Marie Heaney (the subject of many intense love poems, often written when he is away from her) is the lovely, intelligent wife who guards her husband's time and his reputation, yet offers to the outsider the warm hospitalities of her Devlin clan. Marie in the kitchen making spinach soup, the two bright teenage sons, Michael and Christopher, watching Paula Yates in *The Tube*, the enchanting Catherine Ann, 12, giggling with a friend . . . all this laps around Heaney, delighting the 45-year-old poet at the height of his powers.

Yet *Station Island*, his sixth book of poetry, but the first after a five-year gap, contains very little of laughter or comfort, nor rhetoric, nor affectionate nostalgia. To read it is to stalk a different Heaney through the coverts of his imagination, and out into a wintry landscape.

Praises of the "best-Irish-poet-since-Yeats" variety make him squirm. He bears an Irish literary tradition that is at once a crown and a yoke; the star poet who was once a country lad is uncomfortable with both accoutrements. Very influenced as a student by T. S. Eliot's seminal essay "Tradition and the Individual Talent,", Heaney laughs wryly that, despite the tradition he is an *individual* talent. Please.

In fact, Yeats has little relevance; Heaney's first masters were the Anglo-Saxon poets, and Gerard Manley Hopkins. His new book owes more to the former than the latter, with echoes too of Eliot and Dante. The texture of the verse is plainer than before, and deeply personal. It is a brilliant, ruminative quest backwards and forwards in time, a pilgrimage during which the only sustenance is roots.

Heaney was the son of a Roman Catholic farmer and cattle dealer in Co Derry, the oldest of nine children. Home was a thatched house in a place called Mossbawn, and the first essay in his volume *Preoccupations* describes it lushly and softly, like the bog that was all around. *That* Heaney household was not at all literary; words impinged only in the form of the catechism, the radio weather forecasts ("Dogger, Rockall, Malin, Irish Sea"), and the old Ulster rhymes of division – loyalist and nationalist.

Despite the cameraderie of brothers and sisters, Heaney says, "I think I spent a lot of my time just standing looking, gazing with eyes and ears open, timourously. The inner place of your first being is a large solitary gaze out on the world. In that sense I was certainly a solitary child." Years later the memories came back: the grandfather cutting turf, the father bending over potato drills, whilst the boy Seamus was told "Aye, the pen's easily

The clever son won a scholarship to St Columb's boarding school in Londonderry, where he was acutely homesick: "Certainly it set me apart from my family." Then it was another scholarship to Queen's University Belfast, a First in English – and the seal was set upon him. Such passages cut you off from your roots, inevitably; thus loosened, you float guiltily between worlds, belonging nowhere. Heaney says he started teaching with "a sense of not having defined anything". He felt inadequate, with no confidence in himself or in the world. The poetry came then – out of that quarrel with himself. "I felt it was a path I could follow, towards some self-justification, some kind of verification."

It is impossible for anyone growing up in Northern Ireland to remain unaffected by what Heaney calls "the submerged cultural politics", as well as the surface divisions of history and bigotry. "I have two inheritances, although that is too haughty and big a word. (Always he gives unpretentious disclaimers). "There is the desire to get on in the world of books, and of writing in English. But then there was another kind of effort – to be in touch with the Irish thing itself. I learnt the Irish language, and there was a strong sense of otherness, of alternative tradition. And of course there was the political disaffection from Unionism, so that the sense of linking oneself to Irish roots was congruent with that disaffection".

Seamus Heaney has remarked that being a poet in Belfast, in a group of highly talented writers, in the late 1960s was a stretching experience. Poetry gave tongue to the experience and confusion of the people. It finds its strongest utterance in his volume *"North"* (winner of the W. H. Smith Award and the Duff Cooper Prize in 1975), where Heaney identifies himself as caught between "civilized outrage" and the implacable demands (inhaled since birth) of the tribe.

Again and again, in his writing, we observe him poised on a pivot, a one-man dialectic in whom opposites are – uncomfortably – unified. Ulster v Eire; English learning v Irish culture; education v roots; the language of debate v silence and acceptance; liberalism v Catholicism; comfort v guilt; love v loneliness and restlessness; belonging v exile . . . It is all there. He knows it well.

He wrote a poem the other day that pleased him. "It's called "Terminus". Where I grew up was on the edge of two parishes; I lived in one and went to school in the other. There were two different catechisms to learn. I also lived in one place and played in a different football team. I always had a sense, from an early age, of division. So Terminus was the God of Boundaries, and I thought I would write about him."

That poem contains these lines: "Is it any wonder when I thought/ I would have second thoughts?" *Incertus* was his pen name as a student.

In 1972 the Heaneys got out of Ulster, moving south to Wicklow. He saw the move as an escape into silence and safety; others saw it as a political act in itself. *The Protestant Telegraph* gave good riddance to the "well-known Papist propogandist". The borrowed cottage was "a haven" for five years. Heaney, the "inner émigré" found space to reflect on what he calls "the whole bloody politics of the thing". It still seems to irk him: "In one way, I'm not interested in it anymore, in another way the whole northern thing is like a permanent burden. This is the nub of these poems in *Station Island.*

"Everybody in the north is born with a sense of solidarity with one or other group – it is packed into them. So the emergent self grows up carrying responsibility for the group – holding the line, keeping up the side. But as you come to different awarenessness you know there are complicated concessions to be made, truths to be told beyond the official shibboleths. Yet the minute you do set down . . . betrayals, as it were, in a situation like that of Northern Ireland, you become consciously aware that you aren't just yourself, you *are* part of the group. I suppose a lot of self-censorship goes on. So the idea of a freed self becomes very attractive".

In *Field Work* (1970) Heaney wrote a beautiful poem, "The Strand at Lough Beg" in memory of a second cousin, Colum McCartney, who was a victim of sectarian hatred. But a poem in this new volume rejects the easy atonement of the last one, as the poet encounters the young man's ghost, and bows before his accusations: "You confused evasion and artistic tact" and "you whitewashed ugliness".


Warm hospitality: Marie Heaney with her husband in 1967

1939: Born, April 13.
Education: St Columb's College, Derry; Queen's University, Belfast.
1962-63: Teacher, St Thomas's Secondary School, Belfast.
1963-66: Lecturer, St Joseph's College of Education, Belfast.
1966-72: Lecturer, Queen's University, Belfast.
1967: Somerset Maugham Award.
1968: Cholmondeley Award.
1972-75: Freelance writer.
1975: W. H. Smith Award; Duff Cooper Prize.
1975-81: Lecturer, Carysfort College.
Publications: *Eleven Poems*, 1965; *Death of a Naturalist*, 1966; *Door into the Dark*, 1969; *Wintering Out*, 1972; *North*, 1975; *Field Work*, 1979; *Preoccupations: Selected Prose, 1968-1978*, 1980; *Selected Poems, 1965-1975*, 1980; *Sweeney Astray*, 1984; *Station Island*, 1984. All published by Faber and Faber.

Heaney explains that he has long been aware of the tension between a desire to write pleasing cadences, and a responsibility to tell the truth. So after "Field Work" he made a *kind of pact with himself, that* he would wait a while before publishing again: "Perhaps there was some *kind* of awareness that something had to be gone through".

At this point, Sweeney must be introduced into the story, for Sweeney is Heaney's new voice – temporarily, at least. When he moved south his began a translation of the Irish work, *Buile Suibhne* (the Frenzy of Sweeney) as a way of passing the time in the unfamiliar countryside, and (you suspect) as a penance too. It is a strange verse tale of how the arrogant seventh century king, Sweeney, was cursed by St Ronan, and turned into a bird, who must endure a series of purgatorial adventures in his tree-exile.

Heaney has reworked his translation "in a much more chilled style", and Faber & Faber have published *Sweeney Astray* at the same time as *Station Island*. Both works gain by being read in conjunction. In the introduction to his haunting, elegaic translation Heaney explains: "Insofar as Sweeney is also the figure of the artist, displaced, guilty, assuaging himself by his utterance, it is possible to read the work as an aspect of the quarrel between free, creative imagination, and the constraints of religious, political and domestic obligations".

> ***Sweeney Redivivus***
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> **I stirred wet sand and gathered myself**
> **to climb the steep-flanked mound,**
> **my head like a ball of wet twine**
> **dense with soakage, but beginning to unwind**
> **Another smell was blowing off the river, bitter**
> **as night airs in a scutch mill.**
> **The old trees were nowhere,**
> **the hedges thin as penwork**
> **and the whole enclosure lost**
> **under hard paths and sharp-ridged houses.**
> **And there I was, incredible to myself,**
> **among people far too eager to believe me**
> **and my story, even if it happened to be true.**
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> © Seamus Heaney

It is significant that the third section of *Station Island* is a collection of lyrics called collectively, "Sweeney Redivivus", in which the Sweeney-Heaney voice is as one. "I had a notion that I would enter *him* or he would enter me."

Despite success, and sales, and sympathy for those who ask about the meanings in his work, there is in Seamus Heaney what he calls a "solemn refuser" who wants to turn his back on things: poetry which pleases, the comforts of the middle years, being pigeonholed, saying what people want you to say. He uses phrases like "the fraudulence of excellence", and there is a note of near-defiance in his book.

Invited out to dine in Boston, where for four months a year he is a visiting lecturer in English at Harvard, he was appalled to be asked by an earnest lady: "What's it like to be lionized?". The old lion growls little aloud, but often inwardly. A big, kind man with an amiable face and twinkling eyes, he dissembles well. In truth, he dislikes publicity, hype, and summing up. Quite right: it is the uncertain excitement of the poetry which counts.

There is a sense that perhaps Heaney is anxious about the new poetry, though at the same time his nonchalance is not a sham. Certainly, *Station Island* is his most important achievement to date. Interestingly, the two symbols of the book have a religious significance. They are the pilgrim (Station Island sequence) and the fugitive (Sweeney sequence) – yet who is to say that they are not the same? Might it not be that he who is travelling towards knowledge may also be fleeing from truth?

His Catholic upbringing, he says, is entirely relevant here: "A whole part of one's life, week after month, spent going down on one's knees and accusing oneself in the confessional". Much of that buried guilt is present in the book: *Station Island* is a general confession in a new context. It is saying, accept your own emptiness".

In two poems he invokes the story of the rich young man who was challenged by Christ to give up his possessions and follow him . . . into exile from class, from tribe, from roots. The Irish writer and broadcaster W. R. Rodgers once noted, "There is . . . for Irishmen, the need to distance themselves in order to turn the telescope on their native country".

It is too glib to say that Seamus Heaney has exiled himself to the south, although he certainly misses Belfast far more than Marie does. No – his real exile has nothing to do with place, but much to do with spirit. It is fitting that he has alighted on the symbol of the bird – "emblematical of the soul", as Yeats puts it.

But Heaney's alter ego, this odd bird-creature, has nothing in common with Yeats's famous, enamelled creature, who sat upon a golden bough, with gifts of rhetoric and prophesy. Its origins are with other dead masters. Heaney loves Bede's famous image from the Anglo-Saxon world, of a sparrow who flies through the stormy night and chances upon the open eaves of a great warrior-hall. For a few seconds it knows light and warmth, before passing through the opening on the other side, out again into the merciless landscape. It is that bird who now sits in Heaney's covert.

It has much in common with Hardy's "Darkling Thrush": a shabby, ruffled and doomed creature, isolated like the mad bird-king – yet daring to sing in the teeth of the gale a song that is all the finer for its courage.

Bel Mooney

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24 Policeman (3)
25 Course reversal (4,2,3,4)

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7 Word link sign (6)
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THE ARTS

Caroline Moorehead meets Angela Lambert (right), whose story of a forgotten and fascinating group is published today



Souls in ferment

"The greatest single stroke of luck in my entire life." That is what Angela Lambert calls falling on a remarkably little written-about group of late Victorians, the Souls. They were so called, Lord Curzon once suggested, because you needed a soul above the ordinary to belong to them. They, and their children, the Coterie, known to their parents as the "Corrupt Coterie", dominated one side of London and country house society between the mid-1890s and 1914, with wit, lack of pomposity and above all intelligence, a characteristic that, says Angela Lambert, whose *Unquiet Souls* is published today (Macmillan, £14.95), had never before been valued among the English upper classes.

There is a purposefulness about Angela Lambert that makes you feel that luck is not really the right word. True, she caught sight of the Gang's existence – the "Gang" is how they referred to themselves – by chance, reading other biographies of the period. But then she heard herself telling people at dinner parties that what she really intended to do with her life was write a book – and, come to that, why not a book about the Souls? A synopsis, of 10,000 words, was written in a day and a half, in a "blaze of clarity, intensity and extra energy" in the spring of 1982.

And then she was off, tracking down descendants, boning up on contemporary history. Research, she says, is what she loves most and what she is good at, the "unravelling of tentacles". It was not an unfamiliar field: a degree in PPE had given her "the bedrock of knowledge, even if its furniture was shrouded in dust sheets". In eighteen months, the book was done.

The speed, given the cast of some 50 to 60 characters who made up the Souls (Asquith, Balfour, Blunt, Curzon, the Grenfells) and the further 40 or so of the Coterie (Duff Cooper, the three Manners sisters, more Grenfells) is startling. What makes it more so is that during that time Angela Lambert was hard at work at her "real" career as a current affairs reporter for Thames Television.

A lifetime of deadlines had given her a framework for such application: it had also instilled in her a ferocious self-discipline not to be led away down marginal avenues. The grandson of Ettie Grenfell, a leading Soul, threw open a cupboard in his house saying "How wonderful it would be if you could arrange this for us". There were engagement books, diaries, letters, all the paraphernalia of Edwardian high society. With admirable self-restraint, she did not rummage far among them.

Angela Lambert did not come to this life by chance. The daughter of a diplomat, sent to a "good girls' school in leafy Sussex", at 11 she knew precisely what she wanted: a degree from Oxford or Cambridge and a job as a journalist. She got the first, though not as well as she might, having fallen in love with the man who was to become her husband four weeks before finals. The second proved troublesome. Finding no one longing to employ her when she left university, she took a job cleaning for Lord and Lady Listowel. Occasionally they asked her to stay to lunch.

One day Lord Listowel suggested she could do more than clean and sent her to see a friend at Cassells, where she began work on French and German dictionaries (her mother is German). From Cassells she went to a magazine, *Modern Woman* ("so modern that they sacked me when I told them I was pregnant"), and then became principal private secretary to Lord Longford.

At 26, her marriage broke up. She had two small children and says that she "went mad for nine months". Eighteen years later, she considers the whole episode extremely fortunate: "If I hadn't divorced then it would have been much harder later to have such a mainstream career". Mainstream it has been: 12 years in television, with articles and radio on the side, all will-power, she says, and the paramount need to earn money to keep three children. But the work has been better than that: constantly occupying her mind, it has protected her from boredom and depression, the "fears and self-doubts and loathing of women in their forties who, their children gone, have to face up to their own mortality".

Twelve years ago Angela Lambert bought a small house in the Dordogne for her children. She hopes it makes up for not being the perfect mother "sitting around chewing the cud in charming idleness". She plans not less work but more, a new book on the Nabis, the turn-of-the-century Paris painters. She has obviously acquired a taste for "group" biography. "After that, I'll look for a group between 1945 and 1959: 1959 was the year my grandfather died and I was 19. The age when you start living life: I would like that – discovering my roots."

If she has a regret about *Unquiet Souls* it is that she forced upon herself too harsh a deadline. Another three months would have permitted a more leisurely contemplation of what it all meant and what the elegant, articulate and often tricky Souls actually amounted to. It would, for instance, have allowed further reflection on their double standards, their appalling disregard for servants. "After all, why I was attracted to this kind of book in the first place was that it sets up people's expectations – and then shows they're not all right."

● Philip Howard reviews *Unquiet Souls* in next week's Books Page.

Bruson and Verrett rise above everything

Macbeth
Paris Opéra



The Macbeths (Renato Bruson and Shirley Verrett) in front of Yannis Kokkos's loathsome line

Massimo Bogdianckino has started his second season at the Opéra, as he began his first, with an Italian work adapted to the taste of Paris audiences in the middle of the last century. The choice has fallen on Verdi's *Macbeth*, surprisingly the first time it has been heard at the Opéra, given with all the Act III ballets and – a slight cheat here – Macbeth's death scene which Verdi excised when he reworked his Florence opera for France. Musically the evening is a tremendous success under the baton of Georges Prêtre, very much the local hero now in the Bogdianckino regime after spending years in the Parisian wilderness.

Cappuccilli and Bruson are Europe's rival Macbeths at the moment and a high standard they set. At Salzburg a couple of months ago Cappuccilli triumphed over an indifferent production to prove what an outstanding Thane of Cawdor he still is; Bruson in Paris, a house début, shines through a staging that is not much better. Bruson, who in some roles can be a rather introverted figure, now gives the more dynamic performance. His Macbeth begins as a man only half aware of what he is doing, always having to pull himself together when realization does at last steal over him. Full stature comes when the crimes pile up and, at the end of Act III, he and Lady Macbeth vow themselves to a fresh bout of carnage, the single moment in the opera when their hearts and voices are as one. Act IV is resplendent as Macbeth acquires full self-knowledge in "Pietà, rispetto, amore" before tumbling down the stage to death and oblivion, although not as unceremoniously as Cappuccilli was made to do at Salzburg.

Bruson's baritone now sounds in peak condition, infinitely malleable and showing no sign of effort even at the end of a long evening, three full hours of music in Paris. The eyes may roll melodramatically in the old-fashioned Gobbi style, but who quibbles about that when the tone is so firm and lustrous? His interpretation in the Philips *Macbeth* recording out in a few days (412 133-1) is eagerly awaited.

Bruson prefers to build up his Macbeth brick by brick, Shirley Verrett in contrast prefers to begin with a bang. "Vieni, t'affretta" was delivered with a punch designed to rock the audience back on its heels, and that it did together with the following cabaletta. Verrett, a dominant Lady Macbeth right from the days of the best production of Verdi's opera I have encountered, Strehler's at La Scala in 1976, cannot keep the force up throughout the evening. The Sleepwalking Scene, unhelpfully staged in Paris, lacked the shiver that voice and orchestra together should send through the house. Until that point it was an imperious performance which spurred Bruson to his best – and what have Lady Macbeths to do but urge on their husbands?

The supporting cast is of high calibre. John Tomlinson's Banco is a sympathetic figure, younger than usual – no greybeard warrior here. The Japanese tenor Taro Ichihara has been upgraded from his Malcolm at Salzburg to Macduff. The voice is large, even a bit on the beefy side, and Mr Ichihara looked justifiably pleased with himself after he had delivered his Act IV aria. The Paris chorus is now one of Europe's best and *Macbeth* gives them ample opportunity to show their paces.

Yannis Kokkos's single set is hideous in every sense of the word. A vast flight of steps runs up the stage as if for some old-fashioned *Turandot*. On the left is a row of crumbling, terracotta-coloured pillars, which might have been snatched from some ancient Mediterranean site, surmounted by the figures of men and horses, both flayed and maimed, their entrails spilling into the air. After the first visual effect of the horrors of war has worn off, and it does not take too long, this loathsome line merely becomes an encumbrance. The costumes, especially for the witches who employ a whole aviary of night birds, are more successful.

I have never been a great admirer of the opera productions of Antoine Vitez, from the TNP, and *Macbeth* does not alter that view. His staging, bathed for the most part in a steady light, lacks all atmosphere. In *Macbeth*, where the elements and the time of day play such a key role, this approach is perverse. There are moments of curiosity such as the entrance of Duncan and his retinue, played by dwarves who solemnly circle the Macbeths, and other moments which add nothing to the music, as when a huge puppet figure of the king crashes on to the stage to interrupt the Act I finale. To add to the debit side, the construction of the set makes the Act III ballets all but impossible, a pity when a dancer as fine as Jean Guizerix is in the line-up. Vitez's main successes are the deployment of the chorus and the clearing of stage space so that the principals can be both seen and heard.

And it is for them that this *Macbeth* should be caught and also for Georges Prêtre's highly coloured, highly committed view of the score. It is time Covent Garden re-engaged him.

John Higgins

● *Macbeth* runs until October 29 with Ghena Dimitrova and Franz Grundheber sharing performances with Verrett and Bruson.

Theatre

Left free to judge

Six Men of Dorset
Shaw

If, as seems inevitable, this turns out to be the final production of the 7:84 England Company, it at least enables the group to go down in style with their original colours gallantly nailed to the mast.

First produced 50 years ago to commemorate the TUC centenary, *Six Men of Dorset* represents the rare collaboration of an able dramatist and a dedicated union official. Between them, Miles Malleson and Harry Brooks retell the story of the six Dorset farm labourers who were transported for swearing in members of a trade union, and the public outcry that led to their pardon. History has canonized them as the Tolpuddle Martyrs, and the play duly follows suit – characterizing the men and their leader, George Loveless, as patterns of working-class virtue exercising superhuman restraint in the face of the arrogant inhumanity of their landed and judicial adversaries.

In John McGrath's adaptation, you also see the awakening sense of social justice through the fog of Christian indoctrination. "Doesn't seem right", observes one reluctant unionist, "praying for something and then trying for it. Doesn't give the Lord a chance to show what he can do."

After statements like that, it is quite a thrill to hear gems from the Methodist hymnal being heroically appropriated for the agitational cause. The male voice singing (arrangements by John Tams) is terrific. Also, the quality of characterization is such that there is no discernable break between the imagined episodes and the trial transcript.

The strength of the production, and of performances like Paul Moriarty's stoically unaggressive Loveless and William Hoyland's silky Melbourne, is that it leaves you free to draw your own conclusions as to whether this heroic chunk of history is now being re-enacted, or whether the present state of the unions would make the Dorset pioneers turn in their graves.

Irving Wardle

Concerts

Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra/Koopman
St James's, Piccadilly

"... compared with painting, music occupies only a relatively modest place in the cultural legacy of the Dutch ...": Frits Noske's words in his introduction to this series of concerts, *Music from the Age of Vermeer*, do not invalidate the notion of matching music to the paintings on view at present at the Royal Academy, even though the music revealed is not of such unquestionably high quality as in the concert series that accompanied and illuminated the *Glory of Venice* exhibition.

The chance has been taken instead to uncover some real rarities, and this programme by the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra was crammed with them. Not a great work in sight, one is tempted to add wistfully, and yet the presence here for contrast of even one piece by Bach or Handel might well have devalued the exceptional interest of the rest. I would have thought room might have been found for Holland's newest rediscovered composer, the Count van Wassaener who wrote "Pergolesi's" Concertini, but there were plenty of unknown figures to hand.

And they demonstrated one facet of Dutch culture in its "golden age": that whereas its painting is absolutely characteristic, its music is wholly eclectic.

There was the Italian canzona-like fanfarings of sonatas by Benedictus a Sancto Josepho (though one movement used a thematic fragment as cadence in an almost Haydnesque manner). There was the amiable J. C. Bach-like prattling of a harpsichord concerto by Johann Nicolas Lentz. There were the Vivaldi-inspired virtuosities of De Fesch's violin concertos, and the quasi-French baroque intricacies of the cantata *Apologie pour les femmes* (deftly, warmly sung by Max van Egmond), a riposte to Campra by the exotically named Quirinus de van Blankenburg (whom the notes informed us was heavily involved in controversy about the range of the carillon, poor man).

The Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra is directed by the harpsichordist Ton Koopman with largely Dutch wind players and mainly English string players, and, as the wind were entirely absent on this occasion, it was a rather native-heavy group that presented itself for the first time in London.

There were numerous small hiccups in the playing (which began in an almost darkened church), but the unity of spirit in the group was never in doubt, and as the evening warmed up so did the players: Monica Huggett's fiery yet relaxed way with the multiple stoppings of the De Fesch Concerto in F was especially invigorating. Max van Egmond was, as usual, effortlessly aristocractic, but even he seemed a little puzzled by the twists and turns of Carel Hacquart's music, which never quite knew which way it was pointing.

Nicholas Kenyon

RPO/Litton
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Geoffrey Burgon had the misfortune to lose his intended soprano soloist some hours before the first performance of his fantasy *The World Again* at the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's concert on Tuesday. Happily Jane Manning was able to replace the indisposed Elise Ross, to sing the short setting of lines by T. L. Beddoes, "Deeply have I slept", from which comes the work's title, a setting which forms the musical as well as poetic resolution of the fantasia as a whole.

Beautifully crafted in instrumental tones, it comprises an extended rondo, about 25 minutes long, of which the episodes evoke varying dreams interrupting the sleeper's repose. The rondo theme is delicately silver-pointed by the woodwind in parallel with the strings, affording a central focus in the key of C major or minor, with open harmonies from which tensions quickly develop and disappear again as is characteristic of dreams.

The composer's music often relates a mystical and poetic imagination to theatrical effect, and his response to this RPO commission is a work that can be enjoyed for its purely musical appeal and attractive character. It was given an assured performance under the conducting of Andrew Litton, who also obtained a tender and modestly expressive account of Fauré's Requiem later in the programme.

Miss Manning is so often kept busy solving the problems of new music for us that it was a pleasure to hear the pure and unaffected lyricism she brought to the angelic "Pie Jesu" solo. David Wilson-Johnson was a persuasive baritone soloist and John Birch an organist of musical understanding as well as skill. The Brighton Festival Chorus was unduly prosaic in its verbal phrasing but blended well in sound.

Between these serious-minded works there was diverting contrast in the high spirits and sometimes urchin mood of Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos, with the Pekinel sisters, identical twins, as fleet-fingered soloists. They conjured up the Balinese *gamelan* effect in the first movement, set even the Mozartian tribute of the slow movement on a jaunty course, and were accompanied throughout by a vivacious orchestral partnership.

Noël Goodwin

● *The New Opera Company* is to present the British première production of Ernst Krenek's jazz opera *Johnny Strikes Up* in collaboration with Opera North on their first visit to London, at Sadler's Wells on November 14, 16 and 17. David Lloyd-Jones conducts, and the producer is *Anthony Besch*.

Television

Religious curiosity

"Ancient Rome was once like this," explained Don Cupitt in The Sea of Faith (BBC 2) as he wandered through the Festival of Mind and Body – and, with posters proclaiming The Third Eye or The Rebirth Society, there may well be a certain resemblance. Don Cupitt's purpose was to discover how "all this confusion" started; these various phenomena, however, may not be as heterogeneous and confused as they seem, springing as they do from the same need for belief and the same appetite for certainties.

Mr Cupitt, who is a very articulate presenter, placed such things in an historical perspective by suggesting that the translation of Indian religious texts in the late eighteenth century marked the first invasion of an alien set of beliefs which nevertheless had a profound impact upon philosophers such as Schopenhauer. But Mr Cupitt ranges very widely, and he leapt at once from the Pessimist to the Theosophist in the forbidding shape of Mrs Annie Besant.

What became clear in his recital, however, was the fact that Indian religions offered a way of channelling disaffection with, or distrust for, the established faith and conventional society. "I wanted the truth", Mrs Besant once explained; "I was longing to have it intensely" – thus echoing the cry of all those who seek in the most unlikely cultures for the "secret" of life and faith.

This is a most interesting series, although its very objectivity – Christianity being presented as only one of a number of available faiths – will bring little comfort to the uncertain. Mr Cupitt talks rather vaguely of "Religion", almost as if he were propounding the old saw that "all religions are one" – a doctrine of "universal mysticism" which is vacuous where it is not positively destructive. And one gets the impression from programmes such as this that "Religion" has become largely a subject of historical curiosity; it can be presented in a television series becase it has in a sense come to an end, a completely observable and comprehensible phenomenon with much the same status as the French Revolution or the Gobi Desert.

Peter Ackroyd

BOOKS 1

Our recent life and Hard Times

Lord McGregor of Durris, Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Press, reviews the latest history of The Times



THE HISTORY OF THE TIMES
Volume V, Struggles in War and Peace, 1939-1966
By Iverach McDonald
Times Books, £20

Like Stanley Morison, the great typographer and main architect of the first four volumes of *The History of The Times*, published between 1935 and 1952, Mr Iverach McDonald, author of the fifth, is not a detached historian. He served *The Times* for 40 years, mostly in senior posts, becoming a member of the Board at the end of his career and so he writes with a feeling for the inwardness of personalities and events. McDonald's chief aims are, first, to write a history of *The Times* between the eve of the second world war and its purchase by Lord Thomson in 1966 without being "carried away into a history of the times". Second, "to tell the paper's story in a full and rounded way" that takes into account the more than changing political positions and opinions. He succeeds admirably.

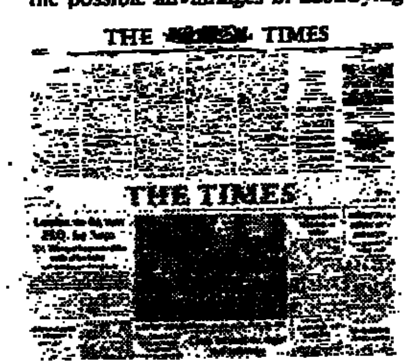
The volume opens with "the very deep rift in Printing House Square" between 1937 and early 1939 caused by the fervent advocacy of appeasement by the editor, Geoffrey Dawson and his deputy, Robert Barrington-Ward, which greatly damaged the reputation of *The Times* then and later. They had many opponents in the office, including the co-chief proprietor, Colonel Astor, who nevertheless maintained the independence of the editor from any interference. Mr McDonald himself is described by Thomas Barman in an appendix as being so upset by the paper's policy that he could be heard muttering to himself words of Old Testament vengeance as he left the office. In 1939 the editor and his deputy were quickly converted from appeasement to waging war.

Dawson retired in 1941 and Barrington-Ward, in outlook a Tory radical, succeeded him. He believed that *The Times* should use its voice to argue both for a peace settlement more stable than that of 1919-20 and for fundamental social reconstruction at home. His vision for the paper, recorded in his diary, was "to create a central bloc of opinion agreed on a national minimum and prepared to see it through peaceful revolution".

The last editor under the Astor ownership was Sir William Haley. Appointed in 1952 from the BBC, where he had been director-general for eight years, he came with a high reputation as a journalist, editor, and administrator. More than half the book is devoted to his editorship, and many notable events are recalled. But behind the pages of news and comment, already giving greatly extended cover of economic and industrial affairs, the financial foundations of the newspaper were crumbling.

From an economic point of view, newspapers are an industry like any other, but seen as essential contributors to the maintenance of political democracy, they are an industry like no other. They have to be profitable to be stable, and they have to heed the public interest. The history of the national quality papers during the last thirty years is a running commentary upon the conflicts bred by this quality. Mr McDonald holds that the late 1930s were "the golden age" of newspapers in Britain when they were still the chief source of news and comment, and "*The Times* had its high and distinctive place". This was possible so long as the profits were steady if unspectacular. However, for the first time in more than a century and a half, there was a loss in 1940, though the paper remained in profit for the next 16 years. Like most of its contemporaries, *The Times* did well commercially during the war and its aftermath. Most of the industry found that the rationing of newsprint, fewer copies, smaller papers, the blunting of competition, and a general reduction in expenditure resulted in easier and more assured profits that lasted until the mid-1950s.

Then *The Times* took the initiative in attacking what its editor and manager regarded as the two most important restrictions on the freedom of newspapers – the rationing of paper and the collective agreement of all members of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, the trade association of the national newspapers, to stop publishing if any one of them was prevented by direct or unconstitutional trade union action. In his most unconvincing chapter, Mr McDonald seems to wish to justify these managerial decisions. Whatever the possible advantages of destroying the paper rationing scheme at that time, the subsequent history of industrial relations in the national industry demonstrates the folly of undermining the agreement among employers to take joint action when faced with strikes. What would the Thomson Organization have given for such an agreement?



The day the news ousted the Agony Column from the front

In 1957, *The Times* made a pre-tax loss of £97,000. This underlined the warnings about the company's vulnerability which the Astor family had been receiving from their own financial advisers. As a result, Cooper Brothers undertook "a review of the organization, administration and financial position of The Times Publishing Company." The accountants concluded that "we do not overstate the position by saying that unless there is a radical improvement, the future of *The Times* is in jeopardy", and they urged several measures to increase circulation. Among these was Francis Mathew's advertising campaign: "Top People Take *The Times*. Do You?" In the event, modernization was a leisurely process and took five years to get fully under way. Even then it did not diminish the problem of rising costs and sluggish revenue.

By 1966, the Astors were searching for a lifeboat. After the establishment of commercial television in 1954, Gavin and Hugh Astor had suggested that *The Times* should follow other newspapers by going into or investing in the new development. The proposal had been rejected by Colonel Astor, the Board and Haley. Ten years later, such an expedient would have been a pill to cure an earthquake, and a new partner or a new proprietor had to be found.

Negotiations with *The Observer*, *The Guardian* and *The Financial Times* came to nothing. In the end, it was Lord Thomson who came to the rescue as a public-spirited philanthropist. "I was only taking on *The Times*", he declared under questioning by the Monopolies Commission, "because I reckoned its . . . restoration to health would be a worthy object . . . I know that I am going to lose a lot of money before *The Times* becomes viable again". He was right. He and his family lost some £70m in the course of his ownership of a paper which had ceased to be "a national institution" when he bought it. The Monopolies Commission recognized the change when they reported on the proposed transfer to Lord Thomson, they said "we do not accept that the role of *The Times* is in any way special".

Mr McDonald's readable and informative volume will remain indispensable for an understanding of newspaper history in the period it covers. Written so close to the people and events it deals with, it could hardly be other than a narrative description of episodes chronologically arranged and perhaps containing too much of memory and too little of analysis. His history demonstrates the importance of grounding the account of changes in the press since the end of the first world war in a systematic economic and social history of the industry. When that comes to be written, Mr McDonald's work will be an essential source. Praise must also be given to *The Times* for carrying its history forward, for opening at least part of its archive and for publishing an attractive and valuable book at a reasonable price.

There is life after the Raj

FICTION

Gay Firth

IN CUSTODY
By Anita Desai
Heinemann, £7.95

PEEPING TOM
By Howard Jacobson
Chatto & Windus, £8.95

BEYOND THE DRAGON'S MOUTH
By Shiva Naipaul
Hamish Hamilton, £12.50

CLASS DISTINCTIONS
By Tim Heald
Hutchinson, £8.95

Images of India have been stereotyped, if not distorted, by Raj literature from Kipling through E. M. Forster to Paul Scott and the recent celluloid revivals. The forthcoming film of *A Passage to India* will be different in degree, but not in kind, from those dreadful *Far Pavilions* (never, never far enough, except by determined assault upon the "off" switch). Anita Desai changes the lens and sharpens our focus.

In Custody is a wonderfully sensuous Song of Experience: life grating against art; friendships and intellectual riches tarnishing under the wretched indignities of poverty. Deven Sharma is a temporary lecturer in Hindi at a clapped-out college in Northern India; shackled by his fearful lack of confidence, a marriage as arid and dusty as the landscape, precarious finances, and the "purity and immensity" of his passion for poetry. Hurrying miserably between conflicting intimidations in small-town, small-time academia and the rapacious alleyways of Delhi, he cuts a craven figure.

The calamities which befall his mission to capture for posterity, in a clapped-out tape recorder, something of the genius of the aged, clapped-out Nur, India's greatest Urdu poet, conjure images recognizable by any of us who may have glanced, smiling in affectionate remembrance, at an unobtrusive little statue in Leicester Square. Charlie Chaplin needed neither language nor national identity to authenticate his art. Using both, in prismatic English prose, Anita Desai makes us perceive similar effort and sincerity; innocence no more alien for its contemporary Indian setting; foolishness no less touching for being funny.

Harold Jacobson comes from behind the "tropic swamps of the imagination" to drag admirers into them again, kicking and screaming and laughing our heads off. His second novel, like its narrator, is "bent slightly at the knees" under its weight of obsessions, hilarious guilt, gallows humour, and a seriously impressive literary talent.

Will you welcome, please, "another ordinary Jewish boy trying to make sense of things". This one "looks as if he is called Barney Fugleman". He is: born in North London 100 years to the day, maybe even to the minute, after Hardy (" 'As in Laurel and?' 'No. Nor as in Kiss Me. As in Thomas.' ") of "Tess of the . . . D'Urbervilles" and other "rural plots hatched over the centuries, that convince the English there is an indissoluble connexion between literature and lakes, between meaning and mountains, between poets and peasants". More: Barney was born 200 years to the day (maybe even the minute) after the Marquis de Sade; he of "The 120 Days of Sodom": a book which gives Barney's second wife, Camilla, "more amusement than any other book I'd seen her read".

Whether in spite of this or because of it, readers will be crazy about Camilla. Barney certainly is. His first wife, Sharon, "a wild and one might even say careless dancer" who runs a bookshop, is really rather a sweetie, but "Camilla, I ought to make it clear, hated Hardy even more thoroughly than I did".

Camilla for President, say I. T. Hardy's rural, sexual, and romantic obsessions peep from every page. "The miserable old . . ." is the previous incumbent of Barney's host body – a fact first spotted by Harry Vilbert, the friendly neighbourhood hypnotherapist in Mr Jacobson's Wild West Finchley and Wessex County Show. *Peeping Tom* is crammed with wholly preposterous, wholly believeable characters and situations; all dementedly serious, desperately funny.

Shiva Naipaul and Tim Heald both know that "a British passport cannot shield you from everything." Both perceived the "sub-world of racial prejudice" when "the word racist did not yet exist"; and both understand "class".

Mr Naipaul's ticket out of Trinidad through the "Dragon's Mouth", the strait between Port of Spain harbour and the open sea, was an Island Scholarship; first to Oxford, thence to a nomadism which "has become second nature to me." His book is a collection of eight short stories and 18 international journalist's "pieces". It opens on an elegant, melancholy, autobiographical essay first published earlier this year in the New Yorker; a curtain-raiser to this partial, sharply ironical retrospective of a literary life so far.

How different, how very different from Tim Heald's "semi-autobiographical" story set in an English prep school "not an Eton prep" in 1956. Where Shiva Naipaul's performances come close to the centre of a national and international literacy stage, Mr Heald is a reliable cheerful tap-dancer in the middle row of the chorus. "You could play in the same team but you hobbed with different nobs." Just so: Tim Heald is jolly clever. Fast on his feet. Useful chap.

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

YOU REMEMBER ME!
By Nicholas Fisk
Viking Kestrel, £5.95

A cinematic immediacy, with no fumbling around philosophical concepts, angles this brightly appalling warning about a possible take-over of the human race towards the younger reader. So effective and admirable is its narrative, I suggest it is a right angle on which more adult readers might travel with profit.

It uses the homely-particular, with which youngsters could feel at ease (family relationships, TV personalities, revival meetings like rock-rallies), to launch into the ghastly-general. Junior reporter Timothy interviews smiling young TV guru, Lisa Treadgold, about her law-and-order movement and becomes entranced. Her views on corporal punishment make her a Citizen Cane; her power to mesmerize and destroy her followers, though, shows that she can horribly crush besides merely chastise.

But, while Timothy is bemused, his sister realises what's happening and sets out to Save The World – thanks be! The author's sense of humour keeps in fine balance with the awful possibilities, introducing himself – in Letters To Timothy, no less – as a rather idiot writer of sadly-confused mind.

Heechee Rendezvous, by Frederick Pohl *(Gollancz, £8.95)*. The story so far, after *Gateway* and *Beyond The Blue Event Horizon*, is that the fabled Heechee have retreated into a slow-time black hole and The Assassins are out in force – to destroy the Heechee and Robinette Broadhead (representing us). The canvas is picked out with wit as well as colour and the woman Klara is returned to Robin – which is giving nothing away; we always knew she would be.

Koyama's Diamond, by Adrian Berry *(Book Guild, £9.50.)* A spendthrift planet-cluster and an entrepeneurial professor who seeks to profit from all the financial inadequacies. Here's SF for the City columns – a read that's nearly as compulsive as Portfolio.

Playing it all for laughs

Basil Boothroyd

GREAT DISASTERS OF THE STAGE
By William Donaldson
Arthur Barker, £4.95

I guess a couple of hundred stories in this shortish compilation: something old, something new, mostly borrowed and often blue (fearless use of very rude words). I say mostly borrowed because some of the disasters engulfed the compiler personally.

His introduction, admitting to the borrowings, gaily disclaims responsibility for their truth. This strikes me as no way to run an anthology, even for laughs, particularly since a lot of the incidents are pinned to eminent names. "Orson Welles was once appearing . . ." "When Gladys Cooper was playing Peter Pan . . ." Still, the range is wide. "Appearing in a senior citizen's away-day talent contest at Bognor, 76-year-old Mr Bert Hodges . . ."

Whether telling of an improbable on-stage comment by Gielgud after angrily kicking a Shakesperian under-study, or recounting how a Miss Thunderbird "remained in the cannon while her knickers were blown across the Thames", all the material has been re-vamped, or re-camped, in the Root style, and the yarns bang on with the mercilessness of an after-dinner speaker's gag book. Many would serve such a performer's purposes: no doubt have so served: though not perhaps for sceptical theatrical diners – and advisably not for the delicately-minded, who might not be too keen to learn what 76-year-old Bert Hodges said at Bognor.

I don't say I didn't laugh. Shouted a few times. But was ashamed afterwards at having had my disbelief suspended by the Donaldson/Root processor, especially in the more cumulatively heaped-up episodes. I could accept the novelty act having trouble with its exploding boots, but should have jibbed at later developments when "the doors were blown off the cubicles in the gents next door" (this in a curious production of *The Three Musketeers*), and the theatre's owner, going to investigate, got caught in a large property mousetrap designed to ensnare Cardinal Richelieu.

Suspension of disbelief is all right, but you need something to suspend it on. Edmund Kean may have been too drunk to play Hamlet that time, but did the performance, as here asserted, proceed with the Prince omitted, causing Sir Walter Scott, present on the night, to call it "a great improvement"? Questions arise. Someone must have done Polonius in. Gertrude, perhaps. Again, it's hard enough to take that Richard Burton and John Neville, alternating as Iago and Othello, came back from a heavy lunch one matinee day and both played Iago; but harder to take our narrator's assurance that "the audience noticed nothing unusual". This was at the Old Vic in 1954. The customers were choosy.

Not all is instantly rejectable. Singing cowboy Roy Rogers, dodging audience missiles, may well have shot his horse Trigger "up the arse". Bernhardt, on her line, "Take this flower", may have handed her lover a stage-hand's half-eaten carrot. But whether Coward, privately auditioning Kenneth More, played seductive music to subdued lighting and wore "a polka-dot dress", causing More to reject his advances because "you remind me of my mother", I leave to your judgement and Mr Donaldson's literary conscience.

Artist Bernard Cookson loyally strives to add conviction by illustrating straight quotes from the text. Supplementary comments might have been easier. To depict actors and animals being hurled into the stalls from a runaway revolve, could have had even Tenniel biting his pen.

Up the Khyber and on

Gontran Goulden

TO THE FRONTIER
By Geoffrey Moorhouse
Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95

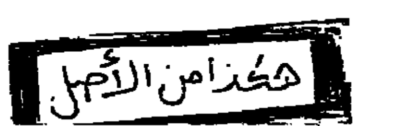
Geoffrey Moorhouse is truly hooked on the Great Sub-Continent. He has returned again to produce a book that traces the boundary between Pakistan's Frontier Provinces and Iran and Afghanistan. He has used the main South-North routes starting from Karachi and climbing the Bolan Pass to Quetta, then doubling back and forking North-East to Lahore, thence to Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Peshawar, with a dash up and down the Khyber Pass, and continuing to Chitral and finally Gilgit. A remarkable journey using most forms of transport including foot-slogging. Old "Koi hais" with long memories will appreciate his comparisons between the old and the new.

From time to time Moorhouse stops for breath, or waits for permits or travel bookings. He makes good use of his breaks to see sights and to meet both simple and well-informed and amusing people. Some of them have been badly treated under the present regime, and even confined under torture, others banished to the remoter parts for retaining their honesty.

Moorhouse combines strong feelings about the intolerably harsh Islamic laws, and, for the old Imperialisms of the Raj, while being, at the same time, proud of the latter's military records and monuments. Many existing regiments such as the Khyber Rifles and the Gilgit Scouts still retain relics of the past, in particular their game-books and their cemeteries.

The penultimate stage of the journey was made through mountains, on foot, in company with a western woman diplomat. She was all girl guides and jolly hockey sticks, a feminist with a strong leaning towards camping in tents. Moorhouse much preferred sleazy hotels and resthouses, but was happy to eat her food.

His descriptive writing is excellent, and in particular his account of a hectic drive in sluicing rain on a narrow mud-encrusted rock-faced track with a sheer wall on one side and an unprotected precipice on the other. Mostly he keeps you jogging, often rather short of breath, but always with profound pleasure.



BOOKS II

Art for art's sake, but once more with feeling, dear boy

POETRY

Robert Nye

Craig Raine is the man who put the *art* in Martian. Truth to tell, I was not one of those who applauded the verse in his collection *A Martian Sends a Postcard Home* (1979), finding its attempts to see and report on the world as if through the eyes of a visitor from another planet rather too successful in their tricksiness; the work of a clever verbal decorator with nothing much to say. A new Donne, some declared. More like an old Swinburne, I thought. So let me remark straight away that a number of the poems in this writer's latest book Rich (*Faber £5.95, £2.95 paperback*) seem to show a welcome change of direction.

Raine still jazzes about with his material, desperate to hold the reader's attention, or perhaps to engage his own, piling up jokes and metaphors in little verbal castles spun of intellectual candyfloss. But there is a fresh note of true feeling in such pieces as "Inca", which reaches towards the remote world of his daughter's childhood, and in "The Widower" which commemorates a dead woman, and in "The Man Who Invented Pain" which tells the story of a soldier, shot for releasing a basket of carrier pigeons, who spends the hours before his execution writing, for his parents' sake, a year's supply of letters home, to be posted at regular intervals after his death:

on which the last began
Dear Mother Dear Dad
Thanks for yours
Today is Tuesday
we shot a man
at 0800 hours

Interesting, I think, that the new warmth which has begun to enliven Raine's whimsies is inspired for the most part by parent/child relationships. In this regard the prose piece, "A Silver Plate", which affectionately honours the poet's eccentric father an ex-boxer turned faith healer stands at a crucial point in the middle of the book. Raine begins to emerge as a sensitive chap, as well as a genial and ingenious one. The Martian is learning that art is not enough.

Appearances to the contrary, the American poet John Ashbery strikes me as having known this little lesson from the start. He is of course master of that New York school which flirts with nonsense, delighting all fans of the difficult and the obscure, eschewing any kind of clear expression of thought or feeling.

There are times when this leaves the reader frustrated, as though the poet's sole object was the deliberate avoidance of meaning. But then meaninglessness is not so hard to achieve, and Ashbery – even at his most coy and opaque – succeeds in writing lines of uncommon memorability. It is as if he says: "What this means is that I make you remember it." And in his new volume A Wave (*Carcanet Press, £4.95 paperback*), such sayings work often enough to be impressive:

The blackboard is erased in the attic
And the wind turns up the light of the stars.
Sincere now. Someone will find out,
someone will know.
And if somewhere on this great planet
The truth is discovered, a patch of it,
dried, glazed by the sun,
It will just hang on, in its own
infamy, humility. No one
Will be better for it, but things can't
get any worse.
Just keep playing, mastering as you
do the step
Into disorder this one meant.

The step into disorder is, I think, Ashbery's own, and he does mean it, every strange word of it, and his injunction that we should "just keep playing" is as serious as Auden's.

No Martian, this guy, but a neighbourly intelligence at work on common human experience, whose jokes and inventions are informed by an all too familiar despair. I recommend Ashbery's teasing yet often very beautiful and funny poetry to readers who have not yet made its acquaintance. The nearest thing I know to it in English – to try to define its peculiar flavour – is the prose of Ronald Firbank. Like Firbank, too, he is irresistibly *readable* in large doses. There are not many new books of verse which one wants to read right through, from cover to cover, as soon as they come from the press, but any new Ashbery always has that effect on me.

The best of Ashbery's English disciples is without doubt Anthony Howell, and his volume Notions of a Mirror (*Anvil Press, £3.50*) deserves the attention of anyone who cares for poetry at all. In fact, I do Howell an injustice by speaking of him as anyone's follower, since ever since his remarkable first book *Inside the Castle* (1969) he has been quite capable of standing and running on his own poetic feet. But his early work was that of a young man of great natural talent unable or unwilling to much refine or even define a capacity for sensual confusion which was shamelessly employed to keep a poem going when inspiration failed. And he has learned from Ashbery's example how to look at genuinely intense feelings through a splendidly literate quizzing-glass of wit:

Much less vainly might you peel
A dragon scale by scale by scale
Than fathom how Medusa fixed the hero.

Howell tends at times to produce poems where an over-decorative usage of adjectives blurs definition, in that the poet pursues the pattern suggested by the decoration rather than the object he set out to describe or define. But his faults are those of a real poet, a fellow with too much feeling, and a working mixture of delight and despair at his own capacity to find forms for its expression.



Billy Wilder lighting a cigar, LA 1982

Pictures in snaps; art in collage and joiners

Michael Young

CAMERAWORKS
By David Hockney
Thames & Hudson, £30

Why does a painting invariably hold one's attention while a single photograph does not? The question is one that has long fascinated David Hockney. His answer is deceptively simple. A painting, because it is made over a period of time has time layered into its surface and can therefore convey the impression of time. So it captures one's attention. The instantaneity of a photograph, dealing as it does with the coinage of the ephemeral moment, robs it of the ability to convey time. Capricious creatures that we are, we quickly pass over it, ever hungry for the next fragment of the real world, the next frozen moment.

Hockney – always a passionate snapper himself – wanted to develop a technique that denied photography's individual moment and subverted its traditional monocular ways of seeing. He constructed what he calls his "joiners", hundreds of tiny coloured Polaroids stuck together, to substantiate his theory.

If the actual technique is not unique the application certainly is. By denying a fixed border he also denied photography's traditional window effect while simultaneously shattering its perspectival conventions.

Often these joiners – later called photocollages – are of events as they unfold before Hockney's camera. *Lunch at the British Embassy in Tokyo* was shot over a period of 40 minutes, as the meal progressed. People are allowed to appear more than once, and the camera is allowed an omnipresent freedom to roam at will and explore the minutes of the event, if Hockney feels it will contribute to the impression and the experience of that event.

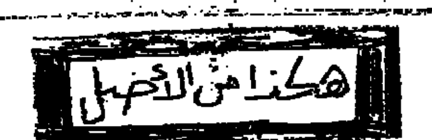
It is as though one were half listening to a discursive conversation. Fragments are heard and clutched at and gradually the overall picture emerges.

When seen on the walls of a gallery the colour saturated photocollages are incredibly seductive. Herein lies the nub of the problem. In a gallery they are possessed with an awe-inspiring monumentalilty and more than a passing frisson of excitement, as the abutting, overlaid, disjointed tiny prints arrest one's attention, emphasizing and creating the illusion of time and space. All this is lost when the originals, perhaps measuring six feet across, are reduced to a few inches on the printed page.

As a postscript it must be said that Hockney has never really regarded these works as anything other than an experiment leading to a way of seeing which is akin to the principles of cubism. Sadly this book does not elaborate on this. More the pity because recently he drew my attention to two photocollages which post-date *Cameraworks*: a photograph of a desk and a recreation of the famous Marilyn Monroe calendar. These two collages, although couched in the terminology of the photocomposites, are very different and seem to be as near as Hockney could possibly get to constructing a genuine cubist photograph with all the multiplicity of vision and movement which that implies.



Brooklyn Bridge, New York, November 1982



THE TIMES DIARY

High-tech lowdown

CIA agents, it is claimed, have been spying on British companies suspected of smuggling high-tech secrets to the Soviet bloc. They have photographed incriminating documents and flown them to Washington, where the CIA has a list of 300 guilty companies. My source, I must admit, is not the most authoritative. It is a giveaway magazine called *In Business Life*, which circulates in southern England, claims the story as an exclusive, and says it leaked out after CIA head William Casey carelessly mentioned the list to businessmen at a Californian cocktail party. The magazine also goes on to claim that George Lauder, an official CIA press officer, had admitted the story. Yesterday another CIA press officer, Patty Volz, denied that Lauder had made any such remarks. "It's categorically absurd," she laughed.

Brought to book

Sir Anthony Kershaw has yet to convince sceptics that as Tory chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee investigating the Belgrano sinking he has not prejudged the issue. Certainly he will not put his name to any report that concludes that Mrs Thatcher was "an old woman with lots of money and guns" who "wanted to bagsy the sad little island." That is the gist of Raymond Briggs' new picture book allegory of the Falklands war, *The Tin-Pot Foreign General and the Old Iron Woman*, a copy of which publishers Hamish Hamilton thoughtfully sent to Sir Anthony. He wrote back angrily: "I think it is the contemptible product of a sick mind and have thrown it away."

● **Employment under-secretary Alan Clark had to cancel his engagements in Brighton yesterday and flee back to London. His wife confided that he had forgotten the key to the bag containing his official dispatch box. Tory colleagues assumed that, like so many others, he was just bored.**

Bush telegraph

President Reagan seems hell bent on exposing himself to ridicule. After his appalling double act on TV with Walter Mondale, a senior Tory politician confided at Brighton that it is little wonder that the Russians do not take Reagan seriously. During his recent talks with Gromyko in the White House, aides apparently placed idiot boards for him in pot plants and the shrubbery.

Hot and Colditz

If this year's Booker Prize judges want a controversial winner, they need look no further than the current front-runner, J. G. Ballard's *Empire of the Sun*. While critics hail it as *the* great Second World War novel, internees at the Japanese camp that Ballard describes are reacting with outrage. The latest batch of angry letters appear in today's *Listener*, two of them from people held captive with him at Lunghua, near Shanghai. "The descriptions of the dirt and disease in Lunghua are almost all fantasies," writes one, while another insists there was minimum Japanese brutality and internees even enjoyed hot showers for a year. Ballard's editor at Gollancz, Malcolm Edwards, says charges that Ballard had sensationalized history to make money showed "a complete ignorance of Ballard's career". He was aiming at "a fictional, metaphorical truth".

Capital

The Bishop of Durham will live to regret his unkind description of Ian MacGregor. Norman Tebbit, addressing a Brighton fringe meeting, claimed that Labour espouses class battles and economic doctrines which were avant garde in the late nineteenth century and still appeal to octogenarians in the Kremlin. They spring, he said, from the works of "an imported, elderly foreigner".

BARRY FANTONI



'My client's not in court, m'lud, but he will be making a statement on Channel Four this evening'

Message received

The Police Federation learns fast. **Last week its chairman, Leslie Curtis, found himself embroiled in controversy for his undisguised attack on the Labour conference condemnation of "police violence" on miners' picket lines. This week its magazine, *Police*, carries a subtler political message – a captionless front cover photograph of two policemen looking up to a "Get Stuffed Scargill" banner being flown along Brighton seafront.**

PHS

Rates: how to cap the cappers?

by Hugh Clayton

It is more than 10 years since Mrs Thatcher, then Shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, talked jauntily about getting rid of local council rates. Her government effectively conceded yesterday, albeit without admitting as much, that it had barely begun to tackle the problem.

Hounded by supporters and scorned by opponents, it resorted to its ultimate weapon, an inquiry. The investigation will go far beyond rates alone to cover the whole of local authority financing.

Rate-capping, which allows ministers to pick lists of councils and tell them how much they can spend, is the Government's only answer to the rates problem at present. But supporters have been telling ministers for months that rate-capping is only a quarter of an answer to half a question.

Yesterday's announcement at the Conservative Party conference was a surrender to a host of critics in the party and in business. It was a tacit acknowledgement that years of effort had produced few results.

The announcement of a full inquiry will take even more steam out of the tortuous rate-capping process, which is now aimed at holding down rate rises in the highest-spending boroughs next year. The inquiry will be led by Mr Kenneth Baker, the new Minister for Local Government, who is content to be portrayed as the hard man chosen to winkle Ken Livingstone and his Labour colleagues out of their fortress at the Greater London Council.

Yes, Mr Baker informed an increasingly doubtful capital soon after his appointment as minister, the GLC definitely will be scrapped on time. He then went much further than Mr Jenkin in dismissing with near contempt the warnings from Conservatives on the doomed council that the Government's plans for administering London after abolition were unworkable.

But abolition affects only a minority of councils and voters. The rating system affects and annoys millions of people who are represented by every council across the country. Mr Baker will find it hard to produce something from his inquiry that has not been thought of before.

There was, after all, the immense Layfield report into local government finance eight years ago. But that said things unpalatable to Conservatives. It favoured local income taxes and the levying of rates on farmland. Detailed survey that it was, Layfield was not allowed to settle the argument either by the Labour government to which it reported or by its Conservative successor.

It is now more than two years since Lord Whitelaw was elbowed aside by the Prime Minister when he was chairing a Cabinet committee that was grappling with rating reform. Last year the Rates white paper concluded lamely that evil as rates might be, they were the least of many evils. The Government then invented "rate-capping" which allows it to tell the spendthrift councils how much they can spend.

That was the best answer it could think of to the critics who said that rates were unjust because those who paid the most had the least influence on the councillors who charged them. Business pays the lion's share of rates while only a minority of voters actually have to pay rates. Commercial ratepayers do not regard rate-capping as an answer to their complaints about taxation without representation.

Cynical and knowing observers of local government politics predicted a deal early this year. They expected the Conservative shires to be persuaded to swallow rate-capping as a valid weapon against high-spending Labour councils in return for more favourable treatment for themselves from the state grant-giving mechanism. The favour was duly given, but the Conservative-dominated Association of County and District Councils have stuck implacably to their view that rate-capping amounts to unreasonable central interference in local affairs.

Since then the blows have rained down on the Government. In the summer the long dance executed by the Government and Liverpool City Council encouraged a host of Labour politicians in other cities to assume that ministers were frightened to use the law against them. They reasoned that the Government would be even more frightened to use it against a collection of councils acting with Liverpool next year.

Then along came the Audit Commission, a quango set up by the Government to investigate profligacy among councils. In August it said that Government policies were to blame for many of the rate rises of recent years. In September it said that the high spending of Basildon district council in Essex was caused not so much by extravagance as by a different view of local needs.

Basildon is one of the 18 councils chosen by ministers for the first phase of rate-capping on the grounds of extravagantly high spending. No wonder the commission now prefaces its reports with a prim statement that it does not intend to comment on Government policies.

But the Government cannot abandon rate-capping now even though its own legislation may offer opportunities for "capped" councils to make legal challenges against it. Mr Baker can scarcely conclude his inquiry by saying that rate-capping is a bad thing. But the history of past attempts at rate reform gives him little scope for saying that it is a good one.

Nora Beloff, back in Paris after her expulsion from Yugoslavia, describes the climate of oppression in a country which the West still vigorously courts

Tito has gone: terror survives

My expulsion from Yugoslavia, at precisely the time I was due to leave at the end of the last of my journeys before completing my book, could be laughed off as characteristic bungling of the secret police were it not almost certainly part of a sinister and fairly successful campaign to identify the Yugoslav dissidents with foreign interests and to brand them as traitors to their country.

Before stamping the expulsion order into my passport, the police tried unsuccessfully to induce me to sign "a receipt" for the documents they were taking which, on inspection, turned out to include an admission that I had met "hostile elements" and carried "enemy material".

In all my many visits to Yugoslavia in the last four years – and the police who have been watching me know very well – I have frequently met those who believe, as I do, in the rights of the individual against the party and state: an indissoluble partnership in Yugoslavia as in other communist countries. I have never once been to Belgrade without paying my respect and hearing the views of Milovan Djilas, the only man in the communist world who rose to the top and sacrificed power and privilege to disavow the corruption and incompetence of those he was the first to name "the new class". He spent nine years in jail and now lives under police supervision; he is treated as a political leper by western diplomats who share his values but not his courage.

Most of my non-conformist friends are very much younger. The police found two photographs in my luggage: the first of Dobroslav Paraga who in 1980, when Tito died, had helped collect the signatures of 43 Croat intellectuals demanding an amnesty for non-violent political prisoners. The document was read at the Madrid conference on European security and, as a reprisal, Dobroslav, then 19, was arrested, starved for six days, beaten up, sustaining four fractures of his foot and permanent damage to his thumb, and told that if he refused to admit connexions with terrorists they would do away with his brother Domago, a gentle intellectual who, as the police know, has become one of my closest Yugoslav friends.

Coming from a pious Catholic family, Dobroslav agitated for the religious rights of his fellow prisoners. As a penalty he was placed in solitary confinement in a cage where he could not lie down, went on hunger strike and is now in the prison hospital.

The second picture was of Milan Nikolic, one of the small group of men arrested, released after a hunger strike, and now awaiting charges for organizing unauthorized meetings. The officials could have chosen any of several dozen involved in this seven-year-old "flying university".

In Nikolic, they selected a graduate student of Brandeis University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: the surest way of undermining the pro-Titoist tradition of the American Eastern establishment.

Knowing he was being followed by two policemen, Nikolic defiantly met me in a central cafe and told me the police were bringing a new charge of hostile propaganda after discovering a copy of the *New Left Review* in his flat. It carried an article which argued that the Serbs should allow the Albanians of Kosovo to form a separate federated republic. The police say that Nikolic had inspired the piece; in fact, he had written to London objecting to the over-simplification which left out the economic and social reasons for Kosovo's distress.

The most brilliant of my non-conformist friends is Kosta Cavoski who will shortly be spending a primester as guest of Harvard Law School. He has already spent two years in jail for describing the inherent lawlessness of Yugoslav society. Last year, undeterred in his search for truth, he managed to get published a detailed account of how Tito, using familiar Popular Front techniques, started off with a coalition government, as agreed in 1944 with the British, and then systematically destroyed all its non-communist members.

As every visitor to the US and British embassies will be told, the dissidents represent a small and often unpopular minority. In the vast majority of cases, as under other communist regimes, ordinary people concerned with their jobs and families accommodate themselves to the system, cheat it whenever they can (otherwise they could not make ends meet) and say in private what my dissident friends dishonour them by saying out loud.

Another friend is Serdja Popovic, a combative lawyer ready to take up civil rights cases anywhere in Yugoslavia and now also internationally renowned. The authorities are hoping to debar him from defending Nikolic's group by having him subpoenaed as a witness.

In Popovic's view, aggravated repression reflects panic among the leaders. After four years of declining living standards it now takes three times as much labour on average pay to buy a pair of shoes and 10 times as much for a kilogram of coffee – when this is available. No capitalist country is as divided as Yugoslavia into haves – those who, through emigrant labour or illegal devices have accumulated hard currency – and the have-nots living on the withering dinar.

Inflation is indeed the only way the weak and divided rulers can squeeze the workers' incomes (their own is untouchable) and so pay off the interest on the huge debt raised by Tito and his associates when western capital was available. They live in constant dread of a link-up between the fearless intellectuals and the frustrated, but ethnically divided workers.

As the US and British governments see it, my friends are troublemakers interfering with the really important struggle within the Yugoslav leadership between the goodies who are determined Yugoslavia should pay its debts and the baddies who, in my view more logically, argue that as communists they should not be following an economic policy laid down by the IMF.

Sitting opposite me in the first-class compartment when I left Belgrade, an old party member was inveighing against the present rulers for ruining the country. I showed him the incriminating document which I had refused to sign and he chortled as he read it aloud to the assembled company. Yugoslavia's leaders, he told me, were now behaving like cornered animals.

Certainly, the system is in an advanced state of putrefaction: everybody shuns responsibility and nobody is accountable for the hugely overmanned state-controlled economy. It is impossible to predict how many months or years it may take before the collapse. But one thing is already sure: the Titoist version of communism is already too corrupt and too demoralized to be reformed from within.

Nora Beloff's book Tito's Flawed Legacy *is due to be published next summer by Victor Gollancz.*

Ronald Butt

What the Tories want to hear

The class hatred and intolerance that was the dominant mood of Blackpool is, of course, conspicuously absent from Brighton. It would have been impossible for a working miner and a working miner's wife to have spoken at Blackpool as they did at Brighton. But I do not think the Tories would have refused a *striking* miner a hearing for a reasoned account of his case.

This year, Tory contempt and dislike is focused entirely on Mr Scargill personally as the only begetter and manipulator of the mischief brought upon so many deluded miners against their own real interests. It may be replied that it is easy for Conservatives in conference to take a more tolerant line. They and their families are not out of work. Yet the truth is that many bring a breadth of social experience and background that establishes the Conservatives' claim to be a classless party and to understand the impact of unemployment.

I do not mean by this simply that the Conservative Party relies on working-class votes; it always has. What is significant is that the activists at the conference represent all classes and a wide occupational spectrum. The debate on drug abuse was as good a testimony to the party's social concern as any other. I do not believe that Labour in its present state would ever take time to hold a reasoned and non-partisan discussion of this character on a social problem.

The Conservative Party is still respectful of money and success. It attracts people who want to "get on" and who have personal aspirations for their families for which they wish to take personal responsibility. They are the sort of people who cause despair in the Labour Party, which finds it very hard to sympathize with any kind of responsibility that is not collective.

The Conservatives in conference 25 years ago might have been described, not unfairly, as a party of rich men (who did not imaginatively know how the poor lived but understood that they should be kept happy) in dialogue with lower to better-off middle-class people who did not really want to know. Today the party's composition is radically different, not at all inclined to reply to class hatred with class contempt, or even to counter Mr Scargill's intransigence with its own.

On the contrary, it is a party of ordinary men and women genuinely disturbed by what is happening in the coalfields and puzzling over what should be done. There is understanding that unemployment and the fear of unemployment have been the weapons without which Mr Scargill could not have waged his anti-government war as long as he has. There is also a feeling that the Government must act more decisively to diminish unemployment – although there is no significant demand for a retreat from Thatcherite monetarism.

As a party whose principal historical concern has been to maintain the fabric of society intact throughout social change, the Conservatives are nonplussed to see part of the country becoming used to political and social violence. Yet the appearance given by this conference season of something like a balance in politics between the Conservative Party and a Labour Party hitched to Scargill's policy of constitutional destruction, in the name of the unemployed, wholly distorts the true balance in the political nation. For even in the labour movement itself (quite apart from Labour voters) there is a hidden rejection of Scargillism which dares not show itself. It should be an object of Government policy to release it.

At the Labour conference last week I talked with a younger trade union leader who may well head a major union in due course and who is, in his own words, a moderate who does not mind being called a right-winger. He made it clear that he had no time for what Mr Scargill is doing but pointed out that he could not possibly say publicly that he wanted Mrs Thatcher to win. His attitude was more than obedience to a Labour imperative. It also plainly came from the heart because of unemployment.

When I pointed out that he could not want a Scargill victory through intimidation that undermined the whole concept of negotiations on which trade unionism was based, he did not dissent. He simply came back to unemployment and pointed out that the miners' strike was over a dispute that was political because it involved government decisions about the level of subsidy which, he said, determined unemployment in the industry.

I suggested to him that any private employer would have to base his actions on reasonable commercial criteria and on the availability of investment funds. That, he said, was something he fully understood from his own industry, and it was why the union did not press its employers unrealistically. I remarked that he had just given me a perfect argument for the denationalization of the coal industry to take the politics out of it. He did not dissent.

With leaders like this still in the trade union movement, with ordinary working men and women willing to defy pickets' intimidation, with the Government still leading in the opinion polls despite unemployment, it is surely clear that the apparent balance of political force between Conservative and Labour is a travesty of the underlying reality. There is no evil revolutionary movement of any breadth against this government. There is, however an evil revolutionary intention on the part of a small Marxist minority who are able to use unemployment as a weapon in such a way as to make it difficult for responsible trade unionists to denounce them.

The Government's task now is to deprive the unconstitutional left of the strength it receives from the passivity of those in the labour movement who fear to denounce it because of its historical reaction to unemployment.

The Government must now produce a much more imaginative response to unemployment, which is not simply the consequence of economic policy but results from technological and social change. That is what the Conservative Party at Brighton and in the constituencies wants more than anything else from Mrs Thatcher, and she would make a great mistake if she supposed that it was merely a resurgence of the old case of "wets" against the "drys".

Paul Jennings

Thursday's child has lots to learn

Perhaps it takes a writer – indeed, a freelance writer, dependent on all sorts of other people's whims – to sympathize with or even spare a single thought for those who compose, presumably not without some kind of effort, words they just know are going to be ignored. The utterly redundant prose on cereal packets, for instance; all that stuff about "one third of a child's recommended daily intake of these vitamins, and one sixth of their iron needs", or "then they are gently roasted to bring out the full flavour, and sprinkled with real apple pieces". None of your artificial apple pieces here, eh?

Who has read, for instance, some words sprayed or painted in big white letters on the Embankment wall, only visible from the Westminster landing stage or the river itself? In that utterly different world down there, all postcards, children's police helmets, ice cream and little green sheds, this is the message I am ready to bet I am the only man in the world to have noticed, let alone jotted down on the back of my cheque book and subsequently thought about:

HUMANITY THREW ANARCHY

Actually it gives one quite a lot to think about, or should one say imagine. Was it done by some romantic G.K. Chesterton figure from *The Man Who Was Thursday*, that marvellous allegory in which one wicked anarchist after another turns out to be a goodie policeman in disguise, misspelling *through* to leave some complicated clue? Some kind of river smuggler, bringing diamonds or drugs or illegal immigrants in fast launches from Amsterdam, taunting the hated river police who once *did* catch him with a load of Bols off Deptford and got him sent down for two years?

Perhaps the slogan arose from a tremendous rift between splinter groups, as in all radical parties; in this case between highly literate, elderly working men well up in Kropotkin and Bakunin, veterans of Hyde Park Corner, able to argue their case, and ferocious young men who think that to believe in "correct" grammar or even spelling is to be already half way to fascist authoritarianism, and have daubed this message to enrage their seniors? Or some quiet civil servant, with those all-the-same-colour glass-sided glasses, deciding that things have gone far enough, a passionate believer in order and good old English public decorum, thinking up this slogan, to mean exactly what it says, getting a friend to lower him with ropes at 3am with the paint for a message visible (at least with binoculars) to the hated Ken Livingstone across the river, to taunt him as Ken's messages on the GLC building are meant to taunt Mrs Thatcher?

Alas for the writer of this message. I've only just noticed it on the back of my cheque book because I've got to the end of it, and it so happens that on the day it was new it was the one in my pocket when I was walking from the memorial service to John Betjeman (whom, apart from admiring his poetry, as who didn't, I'd adored since the first day I met him a good time ago now. We were in some marvellously frivolous radio programme, in the Aeolian Hall of happy memory – heavens, it sounds *Edwardian*. A hot summer day, he was wearing his boater. With the other participants, Randolph Churchill and Nancy Spain, we went to an old pub of mine, the Coach and Horses. The beer was served by a very pretty barmaid. I mentioned this to Betjeman. "Oh, do show me", he said. Then, "Oh, you're right, she is, isn't she! I say, you don't think I'm a *sex* maniac, do you?".

So, excusably, I see the writer of the message as a Betjeman girl; for this is what came when I got to the end of the cheque book and remembered:

O Wendy, trendy feminist, you rage
Pantaloon-suited, on the landing stage
And spray sweet anger on the trippers there
Who, like us all, inhale the bourgeois air.
O let me take you back to Camden Town
For tea when you have thrown the Government down.

Sorry about that, whoever wrote those words on the wall. But at least I read them.

Hounds' watchdog

Small Worlds: an occasional series on unlikely magazines

I was disappointed not to see myself in the autumn issue of *Argos*, which described itself as "PRO Dogs News for members". Not that I am a member of anything much, but I had been assigned to cover one of their events, an early silly-season story, which turned out to be a sponsored dog walk round the Serpentine in Hyde Park.

I know my picture was taken because Lesley Scott Ordish – Founder, Director and Editor, it says here – kindly sent me a print. Considering that it was pouring with rain and I was hung over, soaking wet and miserable, I thought I looked rather benign. But the pictures Ms Scott Ordish chose to use were mostly of dogs, which I suppose is only fair as they did raise a grand total of £759.30 for two charities, PRO Dogs being one of them.

Still: "Mr Samstag from *The Times*, together with a photographer, were present and many people remarked on the lovely photograph of Ms Nina Musker, with an armful of chihuahas (belonging to Iain Gordon and herself) which appeared the next day bringing good publicity for us".

As its name suggests, PRO Dogs looks after the interests of man's best friend and his owners, in that order. It also does good works, provided that dogs are involved somewhere along the line.

A logo on the front cover of *Argos* appears to show a small child and a large dog licking each other. The masthead on page 2 strikes a more serious note, however: a silhouette of a noble-looking hound on a plinth and the legend, "faithful. . . even unto death". The front-page news is good news indeed: "PRO Dogs Wins the day", that is to say its fight to stop the electrocuting of unwanted dogs at Battersea Dogs' Home. The RSPCA is also phasing out use of "the box".

A long opinion piece makes it clear that PRO Dogs does not support proposals to increase dog licence fees. "I did not enjoy the opportunity I had in the *Today* programme publicly to criticize the line vets have taken . . . as some of our best friends are vets. But I had to say that surely vets should be supporting dog owners and shouting the benefits of dogs, not supporting measures advocated by those who think dogs are dirty, dangerous animals needing new laws to curb them." One fear is that higher licence fees will mean "many more stray dogs turned out".

There seems to have been a bit of a flap about some brands of dog chews possibly being cured with arsenic. Members are reassured on that score, and a juxtaposed advertisement for Chewdles ("we make them clean and we wrap them to keep them clean") reinforces the point.

The other charity that benefited from the sponsored dog walk was the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf scheme, run by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf with the help of PRO Dogs and others. The analogy with the blind is fairly obvious: hearing dogs are trained to alert their deaf owners by touch or movement to boiling kettles, doorbells, fire alarms and the like. It is quite a new scheme, and "firsts" therefore come far too thick and fast for a twice-yearly magazine to keep up. It seems a pity that this issue had to miss out on the first-ever chihuahua hearing dog, presented to a Mrs Foley of Watery Lane, Bath. It would have gone nicely with the sponsored walk.

PRO Dogs, Hearing Dogs and the rest lead more or less logically to PAT (Pets As Therapy), based on the experience of mostly American behaviourists, predictably, who have found that elderly people tend to live longer, the sick to get well quicker and the wicked to reform, if animals are somehow involved in their lives. PAT Dogs and their owners visit such unfortunates on a regular basis, with heartening results all round.

"Sir Peter Baldwin, KCB, chairman South-east Thames Regional Health Authority: 'As we look at some of our most pressing needs in the South-east Thames Region of the National Health Service, we find that looking after people is a matter not only of making them well, or keeping them well, but of making them happy.

"Elderly people are often very lonely. So are mentally ill people. The marvellous value of PAT dogs is that they go straight through that barrier of loneliness. The result: happiness – so simply given'."

Finally, advance notice of the annual Awards Dinner and Ball. Champagne buffet reception, four-course dinner of melon frappé, mushroom vol-au-vent, roast turkey with all trimmings, cherry flambé and ice cream, coffee and fresh fruit, with two bottles of wine per table. Not bad for £20.80 a head, even if Willesden on a November Sunday is not everybody's cup of tea.

Tony Samstag

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Correction

Dr Amos Sawyer and Major-General Podier, mentioned yesterday, have been released from detention in Liberia.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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SNACK FOR THOUGHT

It cannot be said that Mr Nigel Lawson's speech to the Conservative Party conference yesterday was his finest twenty minutes. He was, of course, unlucky: an awkward month's money figures have delayed a very necessary, but also popular, cut in interest rates. Mr Lawson is a man at home in his subject, respected in the City, able to argue monetary economics with anyone: normally, his inability to whip up the ranks of Tory faithful would class as almost an admirable defect. At just this moment, it was a little dangerous. The economic argument in Britain is in danger of being overtaken by fear. Were it not for the cement of opposition to Mr Arthur Scargill, the Tory Party would be cracking up into all kinds of policy divisions. The air is thick with suggestions that we could live with more inflation in pursuit of more employment, as if that were not the primrose path back to disaster on both scores. But this soft-headedness is born of a very real worry about unemployment. Both the Tory Party, and that wider audience of those who voted for Mrs Thatcher in 1983, needed to be reassured that the Government is actively engaging in policies whose effect would be to contain and reverse the frightening unemployment trend.

Mr Lawson gave one necessary, if thankless, reassurance. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to "sound money" (the Chancellor has at least learnt to save the technicalities for technical audiences) and to the continuity of macroeconomic policies designed to reduce inflation.

He also offered promise of further tax reforms and tax cuts. Neither was exactly news: scope for £2 billion of tax cuts next spring is built into the Chancellor's medium-term strategy, provided he can hold his spending colleagues in line – this still allows room for a further reduction in public borrowing. It was also known that the Chancellor was intending to swing the balance of taxation further from income to expenditure.

Where he did offer food for thought was in his views on economic growth. The Treasury is, apparently, expecting output to rise as strongly in 1985 as it did in 1983, which means by at least 3 per cent. One percentage point of that, admittedly, represents bounce back from the coal strike; even so, the whole would add up to a modest continuation of recovery rather than the onset of recession. The Treasury has no mean forecasting record on both output and inflation, so Mr Lawson's optimism on both at least deserves to be taken seriously.

On unemployment, however – the Government's "outstanding worry", as Mr Lawson himself put it a fortnight ago – the Treasury has consistently been proved far too optimistic. Even the growth foreseen by Mr Lawson cannot be expected to reverse the upward trend. So what does the Chancellor propose to do? Mr Lawson returned to his attack on wages: the main cause of unemployment in Britain is, he said, the determination of monopolistic trade unions to insist on levels of wages that price people out of work.

Leaving aside, for the moment, the other causes of British unemployment, Mr Lawson's views rebound with questions as to what he intends to do about this. He promised the Tory conference "a good look" at restrictions which tend to make people more expensive or less attractive to employ. The conference and the country wanted to know more. Mr Lawson is traditionally inhibited by the production of an Autumn Statement, and the conception of a new Budget, from sharing too many of his detailed thoughts with his party conference. Maybe we shall learn more about employment policy today from Mr Tom King. Just the same, it would have been encouraging to learn from Mrs Thatcher's senior economic spokesman that the microeconomic revolution trailed in his Mais lecture earlier this year had more immediate substance.

JUST DESERTS

The fines imposed on Mr Scargill and the NUM by the High Court yesterday are appropriate, both for the individual and for the group. If the contempt is not purged, the court can proceed by way of sequestration as well against an individual as against a trade union. This case has no connexion in precedent with the case of the 1972 dockers. It has nothing to do with industrial relations. Mr Scargill and his union, have not been fined for violating any of Mr Prior's laws, or Mr Tebbit's – but for disregarding sterling everyday laws – the common law of the land – established time out of mind, designed to protect members of any kind of association from abuse by its leaders contrary to natural justice.

For all Mr Scargill's fulminations about "class justice" and "non-elected judges", the truth is that the case was brought by ordinary members of the very class and category he was elected to serve. They won it because they had not been given the opportunity to cast their votes in due form for or against the course he sought to ram down their throats. The cost to each of them amounts to many hundreds of pounds of lost earnings. This is not a case of the bosses invoking the law to do down the workers, but of the workers invoking the law to protect them from their defaulting representatives.

The trade union movement will indeed have lost its soul if it can rally its legions against such a cause. The fines were imposed only after the judge had delayed more than long enough to give time for second thoughts, and are in the lower range of what the offences might appear to deserve.

The Court will have its way, and so it should. There is no martyrdom awaiting Mr Scargill here and he probably knows that in his heart. If he persists with his contempt it would be better to imprison him than to seize his capital assets. That is both because imprisonment is the traditional and frequent punishment for individuals who defy the authority of the courts and because it would be a more appropriate and condign response to the nature of Mr Scargill's challenge to all legal authority.

With the Union it is different. A fine of £200,000 should be only a start of a graduated and persistent seizure of all its assets until the contempt is purged. Only in the face of such a process might the rank and file members of the NUM come to realize to what a lamentable state their union has been brought by the arrogance and intemperance of Mr Scargill and his co-conspirators on the Union Executive.

MORE THAN AN OFFSHORE ISLAND

One of the many questions raised by the draft agreement on the future of Hongkong is its likely effect on relations between China and Taiwan. Mr Deng Xiaoping and other Chinese leaders would like it to be seen as a blueprint for an agreement between Peking and Teipei. This much was evident from their National Day speeches in Peking last week, which appealed to Taiwan to come to terms and described the Hongkong settlement as a suitable way to solve problems "left over by history". Mr Deng and his supporters have repeatedly called upon Taiwan to become a Special Administrative Region of the Chinese People's Republic, just as Hongkong is to become in 1997. And they have tried to make this offer more attractive by being even more generous towards Taiwan than they have been towards Hongkong, saying, for instance, that Taiwan can keep its own armed forces if and when it rejoins the motherland. But these gestures of friendship have cut no ice in Teipei. The authorities there remain adamantly opposed to any direct dealings with Peking; and this week in his only National Day speech President Chiang Ching-Kuo – son and heir to the late Chiang Kai-Shek – denounced the Hongkong agreement as a fraud and the Chinese Communists as liars and traitors.

Chinese Communists and Nationalists thus remain as bitterly divided as they were when civil war between them first broke out more than half a century ago. It is easy to forget that but for events elsewhere this civil war would have come to an end many years ago. Only President Truman's decision to protect the Chinese Nationalists on Taiwan at the outbreak of war in Korea in 1950 prevented them from being overrun by the Chinese People's Liberation Army. Had he not taken this decision Taiwan would have been absorbed into China, just as it had been absorbed into China by the newly-established Manchu dynasty in the 17th century.

As it is, Taiwan has developed into a prosperous modern state with American help and protection, while China has had to weather the storms of Maoist radicalism. As a result the two sides are now further apart culturally and economically than they have ever been. Nonetheless the sense that China is one nation, and that its division into two entities should one day be brought to an end, is still strongly imbued in Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Strait – though not, it must be added, in those native Taiwanese for whom Chinese Nationalism is as alien a creed as Chinese Communism.

Still, it will be many years before Taiwan modifies its present hostility to the Communists in Peking. The agreement on Hongkong, it is true, may help sway opinion in Taiwan; but only after it has worked and been seen to work – in other words, well into the 21st Century. In any case, it will take far more than the Hongkong agreement to convince Teipei that the Chinese Communist Party will not break its promises to Taiwan just as, say, it broke its promises to Tibet in the 1950s. For a degree of trust to be re-established the new generation of Chinese leaders now emerging in Peking will have to assure their counterparts in Teipei that China is set firm on a course of political moderation, and that Peking no longer regards national reconciliation as a pretext for Communist domination. These would be hard assurances for a Communist party to give at the best of times. After what has happened in China during the past two decades, no leader in Peking will be able to give them credibly or convincingly for decades to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping quiet at water meetings

From the President of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors

Sir, When the doors were closed to the press last year on water authority meetings the promises given to Parliament suggested that the public's interests would, to some extent, be protected.

Before every meeting the press would get a list of items to be discussed and afterwards reporters would be able to ask questions about the decisions taken.

Those promises were given three times to the Commons by the minister responsible. Since then, the Lords have been told that a code of practice enshrines as rights those procedures promised to Parliament.

It doesn't. The existing code – never agreed by the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, though this was also the Government's announced intention – says only that a list of items to be discussed at press conferences will be issued and that press conferences will "generally" be held.

After months of pressure from the guild the water authorities' association has offered only a published agenda, omitting any business regarded as confidential and any on which there was not to be an immediate decision. Press conferences would be held, but they have given themselves a let-out by saying, "other than in exceptional circumstances".

This we believe to be a blatant disregard of the promises given to Parliament and an invitation to authorities to please themselves what they say to the public.

It was enough to swallow the loss of direct accountability to the public without also having to accept a refusal to follow parliamentary guidance on procedures which would at least keep people informed about what was happening to their money.

Yours faithfully,
J. V. ADDISON, President,
Guild of British Newspaper Editors,
Cumbrian Newspapers Group Ltd,
PO Box 7, Newspaper House,
Dalston Road, Carlisle.
October 9.

VAT on books

From Mr Victor Sutcliffe

Sir, Having spent the morning carrying cartons filled with books, I was amused by Professor Maurice Cranston's notion (October 3) of books underpinning literature and scholarship. Contrarily, it occurred to me that literature and scholarship might sag less if publishers were to publish fewer dressed-up doctoral theses and indifferent fictions. The imposition of VAT on books would be unlikely to have the desired effect.

Professor Cranston draws a distinction between "serious" books and books for the mass market. He fails to point out that, by and large, these are published by two distinct kinds of publisher. Free enterprise may be a force in the mass market, but is hardly noticeable in the elevated spheres of serious publishing.

It is true that the profitability of serious books is marginal, but it is also true that this profitability is assured. The unit cost is calculated on a predicted sale, which is easy to calculate. Only the most draconian taxation would deter, for example, an academic institution from Hoovering up every serious book in its field of interest.

The occasional Montaillou or Booker Prize winner keeps publishers in the style to which they are accustomed, but it is fantasy to suppose that a smaller sale of these would reduce the number published of less readable books.

The Chancellor will determine whether or not the imposition of VAT on books would increase revenue and simplify tax collection. In a country where theatre tickets and televisions are subject to VAT, he will not waste too much time unravelling the semantics of the idea of the free dissemination of ideas.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR SUTCLIFFE,
36 Parklands Road, SW16.

WS — his marks

From Mrs Jane Cox

Sir, Patricia Clough (October 1, p3) refers to the existence of three Shakespeare signatures. There are, in fact, six so-called "authenticated" signatures, four of which are, on permanent display in the museum of the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane; another is in the Guildhall Library, London and the sixth is held by the British Library.

The cash value of even these is in question as the marked discrepancies between the signatures lend credence to the views of most extreme anti-Stratfordians. Could the man write his own name, let alone anything else?

The signatures are discussed in a Public Record Office handbook to be published in the new year.

Yours faithfully,
JANE COX,
Principal Assistant Keeper of Public Records,
Public Record Office,
Chancery Lane, WC2.

Rail parallel with pit closures

From Dr P. J. Giddings

Sir, There are signs that the proposal for some independent procedure for determining whether to close uneconomic pits is being resisted on the ground that it would abrogate the NCB's right to manage. Yet there is a close, if inexact, parallel in another public industry – the railways – where an independent procedure has been operating for many years without violating the managerial rights of the Railways Board.

I refer to the procedure under the 1962 Transport Act which requires a public hearing before Transport Users' Consultative Committees, who report to the minister on the degree of hardship entailed in the closure proposal. Closure can only take place with ministerial consent.

This was the procedure under which many uneconomic branch lines have been closed in the last twenty years – and many saved. After 1968 the cost of keeping open such lines on social grounds was met by the Exchequer rather than the industry and its customers alone.

There is surely a parallel here for coal. A similar type of procedure would mean that the NCB's judgment on economic viability could be openly tested. It would enable the effects of closures on local communities to be taken into account. And it would enable decisions to be taken on a case-by-case basis, thus alleviating the sense of hopelessness felt by those threatened by a general programme of pit closures.

That should please the NUM. But equally it would provide the board, and the Government, with a procedure for closing some uneconomic pits after an open and independent assessment of all the consequences.

If the final decision rested with the minister, and that became a matter of political and parliamentary debate, so much the better – for that is how issues of such vital concern to our society should be decided, rather than by clashes on the picket line. It is a procedure worth exploring.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. GIDDINGS,
University of Reading,
Mansfield Hall, Kendrick Road,
Reading, Berkshire.
October 6.

Stepping delicately with Dr Runcie

From the Reverend A. V. Benjamin

Sir, When the theologian, Van Buren, came to address us as ordinands at Cuddesdon on a particularly dicey issue the Archbishop of Canterbury, then our principal, thanked him for his talk, likening him to a cat walking across a piano top littered with champagne glasses without knocking one off. It is good to see the archbishop, on your back page today (October 8), continuing to display a like expertise.

It is obviously appropriate for the figurehead of the established Church to be versed in the rites of Janus; but his summons to us to follow him in exploring the middle ground itself needs exploring before it is obeyed. It can hardly be a recommendation that all Anglicans should join the stampede of pink clergymen currently attempting to fill the gap left in the centre through the adoption of extreme positions by the two major parties and the ineffectual posturing of the Alliance.

The virtue of the Church of England is not that it provides a golden mean, but that it contains within it both ends of the spectrum of thought. It will thus blackball neither John Selwyn Gummer nor Kenneth Leech. Our Bible would be a thin book and our pulpits mere museum pieces without violent words and extreme positions. The strength of the Church of England lies in its ability to contain these within it and the same is true of our Constitution. While violent attitudes can be struck and expressed within such family structures the less chance is there of that festering anger that can erupt into acts of physical violence.

The opposition within the Church to the present governmental policies should therefore address itself to answer the logic of their inherent honesty. The Good Samaritan was able to promise the innkeeper that if he spent more than the paid penny he would be repaid.

Those who would join our archbishop in asking when we are to have jam today must prove to the grocer's daughter how, other than by her present means, our credit might hold as good as the Samaritan's obviously did.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN V. BENJAMIN,
All Saints' Vicarage,
14 Oakleigh Park South, N20.
October 8.

From Dr R. L. Marshall

Sir, After looking up this morning, with many satisfactions, to the Archbishop's elaboration of the need for consensus rather than confrontation, particularly in the mining dispute, there are, still, at least two important issues on which I do not feel fully fed.

First, how can consensus of any stability be reached if the leadership of one side is guided by a conviction and doctrine of the inevitability of confrontation and class war, modified only by tactical considerations, until that side is victorious?

Secondly, is it not likely that any consensus with such a leadership will be, not only temporary, but inadequate to the problems to be dealt with?

Yours faithfully,
R. L. MARSHALL,
Holly Cottage,
15 Beacon Road,
Woodhouse Eaves,
Leicestershire.
October 8.

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, It appears that the "in" word for some occupants of the episcopal bench who are not insensitive to the allure of wide publicity is "confrontation". It appears to be assumed that this is evil. But when one is faced by people who seek to get their way by violence and intimidation and whose leader avows his purpose of smashing a democratically elected government it is surely right to confront them.

The antithesis to confrontation is appeasement.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
October 7.

From Mrs Virginia Stevens

Sir, Mr Edward du Cann calls the Archbishop of Canterbury "naive". Surely it is he who is naive. How can he, and other of his fellow Conservative MPs, dismiss with such unconvincing and distasteful epithets the reasoned, intelligent, unbiased and compassionate view of the social and political implications of the miners' strike revealed in Dr Runcie's interview with *The Times* yesterday?

In contrast to the repetitious, unyielding dogma ladled out by Government spokesmen during these past weeks the archbishop's truth-seeking insight offers a welcome shaft of light – from heaven perhaps?

Yours faithfully,
VIRGINIA STEVENS,
Hydon Barn,
Upper Vann, Hambledon,
Godalming, Surrey.
October 9.

From Mr L. J. Norcross

Sir, Having deserted theology for ethics, our spiritual leaders now seem intent on abandoning philosophy for sociology. Meanwhile,

Religion blushing veils her sacred fires,
And unawares morality expires.

Whichever way you look at it, we could do with a Pope!

Yours faithfully,
LAWRENCE NORCROSS,
Headmaster,
Highbury Grove School,
Highbury New Park, N5.

Future of Hongkong

From Professor David Gwilt

Sir, Dr Mark Elvin (September 21) argues that the future of Hongkong is to be seen in the state of Shanghai. He argues that the majority of young professionals have secured or are securing the means to leave Hongkong and that, because communism is a system, it is incompatible with the capitalist system at work in the present Hongkong.

Of course there is evidence that many people are making sure of an escape route. There is also much evidence for those of us who live in Hongkong that, having secured their escape route, they firmly intend to stay for as long as Hongkong remains a vibrant and viable commercial centre. Indeed, in recent years, and even in the present year, former graduates of my university have returned to work in Hongkong in preference to overseas, thus showing a greater confidence than does Dr Elvin.

That the two political systems are incompatible is true. However, the agreement recently initialled between China and Britain clearly states, I think very significantly, that travel between the PRC (People's Republic of China) and Hongkong will be restricted, just as it is now, after sovereignty has returned to China. This shows, I think, that the PRC is well aware of the problem, and is determined to overcome it.

It would seem clear that what the PRC has in mind is a long enough transition period, that is, from now until 2047, for Hongkong and the PRC to grow together naturally – something which is bound to happen if it is allowed to.

Finally, there is really no meaningful parallel to be drawn between Shanghai and Hongkong, the circumstances of Shanghai in the 1920s and 1930s being quite different in many respects from those of Hongkong now.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID GWILT,
The Chinese University of Hongkong,
Department of Music,
Shatin,
New Territories, Hongkong.

Social action for the young

From Mr Mark Goyder

Sir, Anyone reading the extraordinary letter from Francis Cattermole (October 6) would be forgiven for believing that he was the director of the council against and not for voluntary youth services.

He pooh-poohs the impressive statistics that 84 per cent of 15 to 24 year-olds would welcome the introduction of a nationwide community service scheme. He then goes on to imply that because there are a small number of opportunities through existing organizations like Community Service Volunteers, there is therefore no call to increase those opportunities.

I would ask your readers to consider the following simple propositions:

1. That the majority of young feel "counted out" at present, unable to participate in solving society's problems, labelled indeed as part of those problems rather than part of the solution.
2. Any initiative which would increase the number of opportunities for full-time social action by the young would be productive.
3. As demonstrated by Professor Marsland's survey, there are something like 300,000 opportunities for social action, and at the very most at present there are barely 20,000 young people involved in anything that could be described as full-time community service. There is a huge gulf there to be bridged.
4. The case for a national initiative to boost the number of social action opportunities for the young would be unanswerable even if we had full employment. Social action by young people could improve the quality of life of the elderly, the mentally handicapped, the hospital patient, and of the volunteers themselves.

A pioneering new initiative is called for, not because we have mass unemployment, but because we have young people who could contribute much and gain much, and social problems which will never be solved by paid and professional care alone.

Yours faithfully,
MARK GOYDER, Chairman,
Tawney Society "Count us In" Group,
18 Victoria Park Square, E2.
October 9.

From Mr Robert Pettigrew

Sir, I write to welcome and applaud your third leader in today's *Times* (October 4).

It may not generally be known that the basis of a statutory youth and community service already exists in all those local education authorities who have striven manfully to observe the duty imposed upon them in sections 41 and 53 of the 1944 Education Act.

Additionally both statutory and voluntary sections of the youth service already make a substantial voluntary contribution of "service to the community" through the wide-ranging programme of activities offered by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, surely the most inspired, sustained and significant advance in social, physical and recreational education this century.

Sir, the systems are already in existence: all they require are the modest resources which are commonly in inverse proportions to the benefits conferred on the young people concerned.

Yours truly,
ROBERT PETTIGREW,
Oriental Club,
Stratford House,
Stratford Place, W1.
October 4.

Electricity prices

From Lord Stoddart of Swindon and Lord Bruce of Donington

Sir, Recent reports, including those in *The Times*, suggest that the costs of the miners' strike are to be recovered, by Government direction to the electricity supply industry, directly in the form of a surcharge to the consumer.

We find this a little odd in view of Mr Lawson's statement in the House of Commons on July 31 last that the costs of the miners' strike "represent a worthwhile investment for the nation", a sentiment warmly endorsed the following day by Mr Norman Tebbit.

For our part we profoundly disagree with the Chancellor's opinion on this matter, but surely if the extra cost is to be regarded in these terms the nation as a whole, not merely users of electricity, should be invited to participate.

In any event it would seem that the Government has no power to impose such price increases. As the Earl of Avon announced in the House of Lords on December 8, 1983 (*Hansard*, col 26), "the Government have neither the power nor the wish to impose price changes on the industries".

Yours sincerely,
STODDART,
BRUCE,
House of Lords.
October 8.

Falklands leaseback

From Mr Alastair Cameron

Sir, At last week's Labour Party conference Mr Roy Hattersley argued that in view of the fact that, four years ago the British Government was prepared to give the Falkland Islands to Argentina under a leaseback arrangement, they should not now refuse to discuss sovereignty.

He should perhaps be reminded that leaseback was in fact one of three options put to the Falkland Islanders in 1980. Not only was this rejected by them, but the Foreign Minister responsible, Mr Nicholas Ridley, was roundly attacked in the House of Commons by MPs of all parties on this very issue and the then Labour spokesman on foreign affairs, Mr Peter Shore, asked:

> Will he (Mr Ridley) reaffirm that there is no question of proceeding with any proposal contrary to the wishes of the Falkland Islanders? ... Will he, therefore, make it clear that we shall uphold the rights of the islanders to continue to make a free choice about their future, that we shall not abandon them and that, in spite of all the logistical difficulties, we shall continue to support and sustain them?

It is a pity that the Labour Party seems to have such a short memory.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR CAMERON,
Representative,
Falkland Islands Government,
London Office,
29 Tufton Street, SW1.
October 9.

Chatsworth drawings

From Mr Neil MacGregor

Sir, Your editorial, "Free trade in art" (October 8), suggests that it was not necessarily in the interests of the British Museum to add to its "already sumptuous collection of old master drawings" by acquiring all the drawings in the Chatsworth package. It does not, however, address the question whether the interests of the nation as a whole have been well served in this affair.

Responsible only for the institution in their charge, the trustees of the British Museum declined a group of drawings which, dispersed, could greatly have enhanced a number of our public collections. Whether or not in this particular instance such an arrangement would have been acceptable to the vendors, the lack of any machinery for coordinating the interests of all the nation's collections has become distressingly apparent.

The whole system of our national museums makes it extremely hard for trustees to look beyond the needs of their own institution and take the wider, national view. At the time of writing, for example, the British Museum has not disclosed which of the Chatsworth drawings it will try to buy, thus materially handicapping any purchase attempt by other institutions.

As it is by no means impossible that other package deals may be proposed in the future, some new arrangement is now an urgent necessity.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL MacGREGOR, Editor,
The Burlington Magazine,
Elm House,
10-16 Elm Street, WC1.
October 9.

Expert witnesses

From Mr Derek Davis

Sir, In calling for a royal commission on expert evidence (*Times* report of the International Conference of Forensic Scientists, September 25), Professor Stuart Kind considers that it is inexcusable that any court should qualify a witness and then condemn him as incompetent, or a liar, in the judgment.

Professor Kind is supported (report, September 26) by Dr Carol Goodwin Jones, who refers to an expert trying to introduce information not sought by either counsel, being classed by lawyers as a "bad expert witness", resulting in his not being used again. She implies that to be a good expert witness means "acquiescing" and not "butting in".

As a forensic expert I disagree in both instances. I consider the views put forward by both Professor Kind and Dr Jones relate to those of a witness of fact but not to a witness of opinion (expert).

If the expert is to give oral evidence, his report, which must give all opinions, is disclosed to the court: therefore the expert cannot be left open to any allegations.

The court relies on the absolute integrity of the expert witness and if, by omission or modification of his opinions, he misleads the court, then the responsibility is entirely his own. To suggest that a lawyer will not instruct an expert again unless he can be manipulated is totally without foundation, from my experience.

If the lawyer does not call the expert, the opposing party can subpoena, *duces tecum*, and the expert must give evidence (*Harmony Shipping Co. v Davis (1979)* 3 All ER pp177). In this judgment Lord Denning states "the court is entitled, in order to ascertain the truth, to have the actual facts which he (the expert) has observed adduced before it and have his independent opinions on those facts, no matter by which side he is instructed".

Yours faithfully,
DEREK DAVIS,
5 Flaunden Lane,
Hemel Hempstead,
Hertfordshire.

No cash on delivery

From Mr Tim Connolly

Sir, British Rail is finding ingenious new ways to make ends meet. Travellers at Sevenoaks station were recently informed that, when the new ticket machine was installed in the car park on Monday, October 1, 50p pieces would be among the coinage that could be used to pay the daily charge of 45p.

The notice went on to say that change would not be given.

Yours faithfully,
TIM CONNOLLY,
Kingswood Cottage,
Mount Pleasant Road,
Sevenoaks Weald,
Kent.
September 30.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 10: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Shropshire today.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire (Mr John Dugdale) and the Chairman of Telford Development Corporation (the Lord Northfield), Her Royal Highness opened the new Ice Rink at Telford and afterwards was entertained at luncheon in the Town Hall.

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened The Gateway, the new Arts and Community Centre at Shrewsbury and, escorted by the Chairman, Gateway Management Committee (Mrs E. Conrad) toured the building.

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Countess of Lichfield, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Jacobs and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 10: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, this morning took the chair at a Committee Meeting at the Arts Council, 105 Piccadilly, London W1.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 50th Anniversary Reception at 69 Cannon Street, London EC4.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

A memorial meeting for Lord Robbins, CH, will be held today at 4.30 at St John's, Smith Square.

A memorial service for Mr J. M. Keith will be held at St Lawrence Jewry Next Guildhall today at noon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Patrick Cheape will be held at St Michael's Chester Square, on Friday, November 2 at 4pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Gladwell and Miss M. J. Hall
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs N. E. Gladwell, and Melanie Jane, elder daughter of Air Marshal Sir Donald and Lady Hall, of Emms Park, Bratton, Wiltshire.

Mr T. G. Bowring and Miss A. J. G. Moon
The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Bowring, of Halton Park, Lancaster and Amanda, second daughter of Major and Mrs John Moon, of Dovebank House, Sudbury, Derbyshire.

Mr R. B. Clancy and Miss C. L. Scovell
The engagement is announced between Robert Butler, only son of the late Mr G. D. Clancy and of Mrs Clancy, of Palma, Majorca, and Clare Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. J. Scovell, of Beverley, East Yorkshire.

Mr M. E. Davies and Miss C. A. Bowen-Jones
The engagement is announced between Michael Elfed, son of Mr and Mrs John Davies, of Bromley, Kent, and Carys Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bowen-Jones, of Charley, Leicestershire.

Mr T. R. A. Griffiths and Miss S. C. Lovell
The engagement is announced between Trevor, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. Griffiths of Loughton, Essex, and Serena, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Lovell, of St Martin's, Guernsey.

Mr N. A. Hamblen and Miss C. G. Hayden
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Hamblen, of Chelsea, London, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hayden, of Chateull, Staffordshire.

Dr I. B. Jacques and Miss V. M. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mrs June Fensome, of Barton-le-Clay, Bedfordshire, and of the late Mr Cattel Jacques, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Arnold Thomas, of Oswaldkirk, North Yorkshire.

Mr M. J. Landers and Miss C. P. Groves
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. H. Landers, of Ormskirk, Lancashire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. B. Groves, of Wakes Colne, Essex.

Mr G. L. P. Renouf and Miss J. J. Hodson
The engagement is announced between Gregory, youngest son of Mr Anthony Renouf and the late Mrs Mary Renouf and stepson of Mrs Vivien Renouf and Janie, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Glye Hodson, of Wimbledon.

Mr I. R. Shipley and Miss S. J. Stone
The engagement is announced between Ian Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Shipley, of Village de Putron, Guernsey and Shelagh Jane, daughter of Mr K. Stone and the late Mrs V. Stone.

Mr D. H. Slater and Miss L. P. Ellings
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. K. Slater, of Felixstowe, and Leslea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. A. Ellings, of Droitwich.

Mr T. B. Wills and Miss S. A. Flynn
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr P. G. B. Wills, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mrs L. M. W. Dudley, of Bury St Edmunds, and Sally Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Flynn, of Whitehill, Hampshire.

Latest wills

Mrs Winifred Anne Wells, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £110,916 net. She left personal legacies totalling £1,600, and the residue equally between St Peter's and St James's Hospice, Wivelsfield Green, Dr Barnardo's and the Children's Society.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Cotton, Mr Eric John Lea, of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire £450,622
Hastings, Mr Norman Frederick, of Hertford £374,247
Millar, Mr Alfred George, of Hendon, London, chartered accountant and for 35 years secretary to Lord Beaverbrook £157,623

'Women of the Year' luncheon

The Duchess of Kent will be present at the "Women of the Year" luncheon, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, to be held on October 22 at the Savoy Hotel.

The speakers will include the Lord Mayor of London, Mme Valentina Tereshkova, Miss Brenda Dean and Lady Antonia Fraser. The president of the luncheon is the Marchioness of Lothian, the chairman Miss Anne Dickinson and the vice-presidents the Countess of Airlie, Mrs Edna Healey and Miss Virginia Wade.

Marriages

Mr R. G. P. Hawkins and Sylvia, Lady Loch
The marriage took place quietly in London on October 10, 1984 between Mr Richard Hawkins and Sylvia, Lady Loch, widow of Lord Loch.

Mr J. C. G. Coles and Miss C. M. R. de Falbe
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 6, 1984, at St Mary's, Thundridge, of Mr Julian Coles, son of Mr and Mrs C. L. Coles, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Miss Polly de Falbe, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. V. W. de Falbe, of Thundridge, Ware, Hertfordshire. The Rev Hilary Sharman officiated.

Dr N. O. Kronfol and Miss P. C. Hunter
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 29, at St Mary's Church, Redbourn between Dr Nouhad O. Kronfol, of Richmond, Virginia, United States, and Miss Paula Hunter, of Fairways, Redbourn Lane, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. L. Liebetrau and Miss N. P. F. Cotran
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 29, 1984 in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Maseru, Lesotho, between Mr Johan Lourens Liebetrau, only son of Mr and Mrs Lourens Johan Liebetrau, of Ladybrand, Orange Free State, Republic of South Africa, and Miss Nicole Paula Fadwa Cotran, only daughter of Mr Justice T. S. Cotran, Chief Justice of Lesotho, and Mrs T. S. Cotran. Father Edmund Hill officiated, assisted by Father Vital Bernier.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Gillian D'arcy, Miss Marina Liebetrau, Miss Layla Cotran and Garth Dixie. Mr Jan Oberholzer was best man.

A reception was held at the Lesotho Hilton International hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in Spain.

Mr R J R Jones and Miss J A Ferrmont
The marriage took place on October 6th at St George's, Hanover Square between Mr Roderick J R Jones and Miss Josephine A Fermont.

A reception was held at Claridge's hotel.

Mr P C Nicholls and Miss E M Sheppard
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 6, at St John's, Farley Chamberlayne of Mr Paul Nicholls, younger son of Mr and Mrs Philip Nicholls, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Miss Madeleine Sheppard, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Sheppard, of Braishfield, Hampshire. Canon Samuel Boothman officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Cornelia and Edmund de Uphaugh, Charles and Hamish Gillan and Camilla Bayliss. Mr Richard Wolstenholme was best man.

Royal College of Art

Since the appointment of Mr Jocelyn Stevens as Rector of the Royal College of Art from September 1, the college has made the following appointments:

Victor Margrie, formerly director of the Crafts Council, to be director of craft development, a new post.
David Watkins, artist craftsman in metals and plastics, to be visiting professor in the newly styled school of metalwork and jewelry.
Michael Rowe to be promoted from tutor to head of school of metalwork and jewelry; Bernard Nevill, designer and consultant, to be visiting professor in textile design; Alistair Grant, adviser to the Henry Moore Foundation, to a personal chair as professor of printmaking; David Hamilton, specialist and writer on ceramics, to a personal chair as professor of ceramics and glass.



Signing on: Canon John Oates (right) with the Bishop of London after being instituted and inducted as the Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday. Canon Oates was formerly Vicar of Richmond, Surrey (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Memorial service

Mr R. S. Handley
A memorial service for Mr Richard Sampson Handley was held at All Souls', Langham Place, yesterday. The Rev C. Leigh-Hunt officiated. Mr David Handley, son, and Sir Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, read the lessons. Mr William W. Slack, Dean of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, gave an address. Miss Glenys Groves sang "The Kindly Voice" from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

Among those present were:
Mrs Handley (widow), Mr and Mrs A L Woodbridge (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Josephine Grace and David Grace (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs D S Handley and Mr and Mrs E S Handley (brothers and sisters-in-law), Dr M S Handley (brother), Major-General and Mrs R J Gray (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Robert Handley, Mr Nigel Handley, Mr and Mrs Christopher Gray, Mrs N Townsend, Mrs H Fox, Mrs S Allcock, Lieutenant-Colonel Derek Boudrey, Mr David Allcock.

Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir Keith Ross, Lady Slaney, Sir Thomas and Lady Holmes Sellors, Sir Reginald and Lady Murley, Sir John Stallworthy, Professor Sir Gordon Robson, Sir Douglas and Lady Ranger, Sir Eric and Lady Riches, Sir Ian Fraser, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme.

Sir Ralph Southward, Sir Paul Bramley, Lady McCullough, Lady Haygarth; Mr Gareth Herbert (administrator, Middlesex Hospital) and Dr Diana Sanders (secretary, Medical School); Mrs W W Slack, Mr and Mrs J G Crowther, Dr and Mrs Angus Robson, Dr and Mrs A G Hayter; Mrs N A Pauncefort (representing the matron, King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers) and Sister Hilda Ford (representing the hospital staff); Professor and Mrs A C Thackray, Mr William F Davis, Mr D Innes Williams (vice-president, Royal College of Surgeons of England) with Mr M Reilly, Professor I D A Johnston, Mr P H Lord, Mr T English, Professor R Duckworth, Miss P A George, Mr R M Kirk, Mr Howard Hanley, Professor C Wells, Mr and Mrs A Badenoch, Mr R H Franklin, Mr R W Raven, Professor A Jones, Mr and Mrs R S Johnson-Gilbert, Mr R J Townsend, Mr E H Cornelius and Mrs I Szkoda; Professor Charles Wells, Mrs Guy Blackburn, Mr James Thomson, Miss M Frank (Club 25), Professor C A Keele, Mr D R Sweetman, Professor Ian McColl, Mr and Mrs Charles Grace, Miss Susan Patterson, Mr Philip Newman, Miss V Grenfell (Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust), Mrs S Hall, Mrs F M Hall, Mrs K Patterson, Mr George Clark; Dr Margaret Spittle, Mr and A L Groves and Mr and Mrs G K Buckley

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Alderman Alan Traill, Lord Mayor-elect of London, to be a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire.
Mr Kenneth Carlisle, MP for Lincoln, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
Captain P. Hames, RN, to Clerk to the Stationers and and Newspaper Makers' Company.
Mr Michael van Brugen to be company secretary designate of the Royal Ordnance Factories.
Professor Martin B. Harris, to be a member of the University Grants Committee.

Latest appointments include the following in the Ministry of Defence:
Mr R. L. Facer to be Assistant Under Secretary (personnel and logistics.
Mr J. E. Carruthers to be Assistant Under Secretary (supply and organization).
Mr D. L. Johnston to be Managing Director of HM Dockyard, Devonport.

Forces
Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Stanford to be promoted Admiral and to be Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command in succession to Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi in February.

Birthdays today

Sir Godfrey Agnew, 71; Mr D. K. Baxandall, 79; Miss Maria Bueno, 45; the Hon Adam Butler, MP, 53; Mr Bobby Charlton, 47; Admiral Sir William Davis, 83; Sir Michael Edwardes, 54; Sir Donald Gibson, 76; the Earl of Harrowby, 92; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, 65; Miss Ethel Mannin, 84; Mr Alan Pascoe, 37; Major-General F. J. C. Piggott, 74; Mr James Prior, MP, 57; Dame Diana Reader Harris, 72; Professor S. S. Segal, 65.

Million halfpennies

More than a million halfpennies have been collected for the Cancer Research Campaign since its halfpenny appeal earlier in the year, when it was announced that the coins were to be withdrawn because they cost as much as their face value to produce.

Finnish award

Helsinki (AP) – Mr Robert Layton, a BBC producer, has received the Finnish State Translation Award for 1984 for his translation of a Swedish-language biography of Sibelius.

Receptions

Staff Management Association
The Lord Mayor, Dame Mary Donaldson, received the members and friends of the Staff Management Association at a reception held at the Mansion House yesterday to celebrate the association's golden jubilee. The chairman, Mr Peter Richards, welcomed over 150 guests including the president and representatives of the Institute of Personnel Management, the parent body of the Association.

Churchwardens, St Bride's Church
A reception was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday after the institution by the Bishop of London and the induction by the Archdeacon of London of Canon John Oates as rector. Those present were the patrons, members of the city council for the Ward of Farringdon Without, the Master of the Guild of St Bride, guildsmen, guild chaplains and visiting clergy from the City of London and Richmond and many friends of St Bride's.

City and Guilds of London Institute
Mr H. M. Neal, chairman of the City and Guilds of London Institute were hosts at a reception held yesterday evening at Grocers' Hall for users of the institute's technical education and training services in overseas countries.

Dinners

Indian Civil Service
The annual dinner of the Indian Civil Service Dinner Club was held on Tuesday at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club. Sir Ian Scott presided and the guest speaker was Mr Enoch Powell, MP.

Fertiliser Manufacturers' Association
The Fertiliser Manufacturers' Association held their annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr G. W. Dawson, president of the association, presided and the guests included the Hon Sir Richard Butler, President of the National Farmers' Union, and representatives of the Government, farming and agricultural industries.

Service dinner

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry
The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at a dinner given by officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry and 68 (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) Signal Squadron at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn last night. She was received by Colonel G. D. Thompson and Major R. P. G. Duxbury, who presided. The other guests included: Sir John Donaldson, the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, the Master of the Armourers' and Brasiers' Company, Judge J S R Abdela, Brigadier P C Bowser, Colonels G S P Carden and J M Craig; Lt-Colonels St J C Brooke Hoggson, M C Spence and R M Yolland and Captain P M Carver, RN (Ret'd).

Cheltenham Ladies' College

Entrance Scholarships 1985
Awards will be offered on the results of examinations. Preliminary examinations will be held on January 21 and 22, 1985, followed by further testing on February 12 and 13, 1985.

Candidates should be at least 11 years old on September 1, 1985, but consideration may be given to slightly younger girls. Girls intending to start on a Sixth Form course leading to GCE Advanced Level are also eligible.

Awards for all age groups will be as follows:
One Centenary Scholarship worth two-thirds of the annual fees.
One or more Major Scholarships worth half of the annual fees.
One or more Minor Scholarships, (30 per cent of annual fees).
Music Major Scholarship worth half of the annual fees plus free tuition in two instruments.
One or more Music Minor Scholarships which include free tuition in two instruments.
Sixth Form Music Scholarship worth up to half of the annual fees plus free tuition in two instruments.
Sixth Form Art Minor Scholarship, (worth 30 per cent of annual fees).
Two Sixth Form Day Girl Bursaries worth half the annual fees.
Bursaries may be available through the College Guild to daughters of former pupils.

For details and application forms apply to the Admission Secretary, The Principal's Office, Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 3AZ.

Completed entry forms must reach the College by December 1, 1984.

Completed entry forms for Sixth Form candidates must reach the College by January 1, 1985.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Alfred was christened Charlotte Anne by the Rev C E Leighton Thomson at Chelsea Old Church on Sunday, September 30, 1984. The godparents are Mr Timothy Gibson, Mr Richard Linsell, Mrs Kathryn Bouckley, Mrs Lucy Fisher and Mrs Heather Morgan.

Church news

The Rev A R Milroy, vicar, Quarndon, diocese of Derby, to resign as diocesan director of ordinands, same diocese, December 31

Church in Wales
The Rev E T Jones, BA, Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Llanbeblig with Caernarvon with Betws Garmon with Waunfawr, to be Rector of Llanfairfechan with Aber, Gwynedd.

OBITUARY

MR FREDERICK BRISSON
Broadway and film producer

Frederick Brisson who died in New York on October 8 at the age of 71 was a top Broadway and film producer who was responsible for such Broadway hit shows as *The Pajama Game* and *Damn Yankees*.

Brisson was born in Copenhagen on March 17, 1913, the son of Carl Brisson a Danish leading man who had a distinguished stage career and starred in a number of films made in Britain. He was himself educated in this country, at Rossall College, Fleetwood, and before the war his career as a producer was substantially in Britain.

His first stage production was in London in 1930 when he co-produced *Wonder Bar* at the Savoy and in 1932 he co-produced *The Merry Widow* at the Hippodrome. In 1937 he co-produced the American musical *Transatlantic Rhythm* at the Adelphi and the same year saw the beginning of his career as a film producer.

His first film production was *Two Hearts in Three-Quarters Time*; in 1938 he co-produced *Prince of Arcadia* and followed it with *Moonlight Sonata*. He also opened his own talent agency to represent British and American talent in Europe and this soon had offices in London, Paris and Hollywood, where his career increasingly gravitated.

After the war, during which he served in the US Air Force as a lieutenant-colonel, his career became concentrated in America; he went into film production, founding Independent Artists Pictures in 1948 and producing his first motion picture *The Velvet Touch*. A flow of box office hits followed, among them such titles as *Never Wave at a Wac* and *The Girl Rush*.

Meanwhile he had gone into production for the Broadway stage and his first effort, the co-production of *The Pajama Game* at the St James's in 1954 was a smash hit, to be followed by similar successes in such shows as *Damn Yankees* (1955) and *Five Finger Exercise* (1959), all of which metamorphosed effortlessly onto the screen to become big box office business there, too.

Among British shows he successfully produced on Broadway was *The Flip Side* by Hugh and Margret Williams (1968), and he also introduced the work of such dramatists as Harold Pinter and Peter Shaffer, to New York audiences.

He was married to the American film and stage actress Rosalind Russell whose career he also guided after their marriage. She died in 1976.

JOAN YOUNG

Joan Young, the actress, who has died aged 81, had a commanding quality that derived from early years in the music hall. She did not reach the general theatre until she was over forty – before this she had a long period in radio – but when she did she was in constant demand for the kind of woman that, physically and vocally, would take charge of a scene; in a *Dandy Dick* revival (1949); as Alderman Busy (whose name describes her) in an A. P. Herbert-Vivian Ellis musical, *Big Ben* (1946); or the so-called "Conjur Woman" in Peter Brook's production of a fantasy of the Smokey Mountains *"Dark of the Moon"* (1949). Usually and zestfully she was larger than life.

Born in Newcastle on February 1, 1903, she was educated in English and French convents. Her parents were in Variety; she followed them, (as a single turn) when she was only fifteen.

From 1934 for almost ten years, her career was solely in broadcasting and for more than 20 years she was a regular performer on radio. During the Second World War she became well known for her singing spot on *Navy Mixture*, a variety show based on requests from people serving in the Royal Navy. Other shows in which she took part included *Workers Playtime* and *Variety Bandbox*.

Her first professional performance in the straight theatre (except one for the American Army Drama Unit in 1944) was as Mrs Antrobus in Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth* (Phoenix 1945), the New Jersey wife and mother, solidly proof against the rivalry of any Cleopatra. Several of her parts were to be American, in such plays as *Tobacco Road* (1947), *Summer and Smoke* by Tennesse Williams (1952) and *South* (1955).

Her other work included Cornelia in an *East Lynne* revival at Sadler's Wells (1954); Nurse Guinness in the Wyndham's *Heartbreak House* (1961); and Garnet in David Turner's satirical comedy drama *Semi-Detached* (Saville 1962), with Laurence Olivier as the Midland slave to a status symbol.

Later (1966) she was in the cheerfully go as you please *Big Bad Mouse*, which ran, with Jimmy Edwards, for eighteen months; she took the same part in South Africa, Canada, and Australia.

She appeared also in several films, beginning with *The Lamp Still Burns* (1943), and on television.

LEON DOMINIQUE

Léon Dominique, the French restaurateur and drama critic has died in Paris aged 91. He was born Léon Aronson in Minsk in 1893, and took the name of the Russian restaurant he founded in Montparnasse, the Dominique, in 1927, as a pseudonym for his second profession of drama critic.

He had began writing drama reviews in the St Petersburg Gazette at the age of 18, an admirer of Stanislavsky and Meyerhold, and went on writing both in Russian and in French, after emigrating to France.

The prosperous owner of a flourishing restaurant, and a genial and jovial personality on the Left Bank, Dominique had little time for the new-fangled theatre, as he called it. But his criticisms revealed a man with a passion for the theatre, and his intimates knew him for a generous donor of practical assistance to actors and others fallen on hard times.

He founded the annual Prix Dominique, for the best young player, in 1948, and this became the annual prize for the best director, in 1953. Despite his strictures, Dominique was well pleased when his Jury - which he never tried to influence - gave the directing prize to Peter Brook for his experimental work in the French theatre.

HIS HON JUDGE CORCORAN

His Honour Judge Corcoran, who died on October 5 at the age of 63, had been a Circuit Judge, and before that a County Court Judge since 1970.

Percy John Corcoran was born on November 26, 1920, and educated at Christian Brothers' College, Adelaide. From 1941 to 1947 he served in the Royal Australian Air Force. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1948, and practised as a barrister from 1948 to 1970.

He was Deputy Judge Advocate, 1953-57, Assistant Recorder of Blackpool 1959-70, and of Blackburn 1962-70. From 1962 to 1970 he was chairman of the Mental Health Tribunal for the North-west area.

He married his wife, Jean, in 1949. They had a son and a daughter.

University news



The following awards and elections have been made by Cambridge colleges:

JESUS COLLEGE
Scholarships for one year: I C G Bell, N J G Brown, C R Bucknall, R M Curry, M Davies (Duckworth), P M Gulliver (Sykes), D C Goldsmith [illegible]

KING'S COLLEGE
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MAGDALENE COLLEGE
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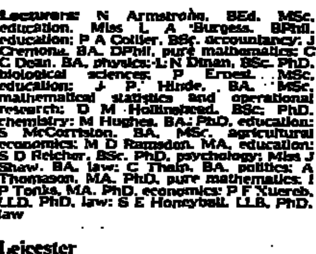
Saunders Prize: natural sciences: Mr S Evans, A Fischer, A J Fleming, N D Hopwood, J K Ingersent, A J Jeram, T G Leighton, A C Peet (B C Saunders Prize).
Christie Prizes (physical sciences): T McCarron, J D Todd.
Dunster Essay Prize: G D Goodlad.
Leman Essay Prize: S C Rowell
Newton Essay Prize: M J Smith.
Stucley and Davison Essay Prizes: N L Bicknell, N J Telfer.
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London
Imperial College
Professor Dennis L Buchanan has been appointed to the mineral industry chair of mining geology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, which has been funded through BP Minerals International Ltd, Consolidated Gold Fields PLC and Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation PLC, with support from Charter Consolidated PLC and Anglo-American Corporation.

Birmingham
Appointments
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Wales
Uwist
Professor S A Hodson, head of the electron microscopy unit and reader in bio-physics at the Welsh National School of Medicine has been appointed to the chair of experimental optometry from January.

Exeter
Appointments
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Lecturers: N Armstrong, BEd, MSc, education; Miss L A Burgess, BPhil, education; P A Collier, BSc, accountancy; J Cremona, BA, DPhil, pure mathematics; C C Dean, BA, physics; L N Dunan, BSc, PhD, biological sciences; P Ernest, MSc, education; J P Hinde, BA, MSc, mathematical statistics and operational research; D M Hollinshead, BSc, PhD, chemistry; M Hughes, BA, PhD, education; S McCorriston, BA, MSc, agricultural [illegible]

Leicester
Appointments as professors: Dr R J Bonney, MA, D Phil, modern history; Dr E Derbyshire, BA, MSc, PhD, geography; Dr N B Jones, BSc, MEng, DPhil, engineering, with particular reference to electrical and electronic engineering; Dr I Lauder, MB, BS, pathology; Dr G Norman, MA, PhD, Tyler Chair of economics; Professor N W Timms, BA, MA, social work.

Bath
Appointments as lecturers
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Grants
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Engineering
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Science report

Sex warning for heart patients

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Men who have suffered heart attacks would be well advised to avoid making love in the "missionary position", according to the findings of a recent study of such patients in the United States.

Between 58 and 75 per cent of couples report decreased or even complete lack of sexual activity after a myocardial infarction, and 80 per cent say they received no advice about sex from a doctor. Those patients may be gently encouraged to resume sexual activity, but they may be advised to avoid the man-on-top position.

Doctors in Illinois in America conducted a study of 10 men who had suffered a heart attack and found that heart rate, blood pressure and oxygen uptake rose significantly during sexual intercourse.

The study was hardly romantic. The mask used to measure the husband's oxygen uptake prevented him from kissing or talking, and movement was restricted by electrocardiograph wires and blood pressure cuff hoses. The man was also obliged to signal the beginning and end of his orgasm by pressing a hand-held button.

Each man was studied during four different kinds of sexual activity; coitus with husband on top; coitus with wife on top; noncoital stimulation of the husband by the wife, and self-stimulation by the husband. For each of the variables measured, the increase was significantly greater during husband-on-top coitus, and least during self-stimulation.

The effects of sexual intercourse on the heart appear to be no more than the equivalent of mild or moderate exercise. But the authors of the study give a warning that this disguises considerable individual variation between different subjects. Patients should receive advice adjusted to their individual abilities; but if excessive strain should be avoided, the "missionary position" may be best abandoned.

In another study, conducted in Israel, a drug usually employed in the treatment of high blood pressure has been used on male volunteers who complained of premature ejaculation.

The drug, phenoxybenzamine-hydrochloride (Dibenyline) has previously been noted as inhibiting ejaculation during sexual intercourse in some patients. This prompted researchers at the Soferman Institute for the Study of Infertility to undertake studies on the use of the drug with 13 volunteers.

In small doses, up to 20 mg a day, it caused aspermia following male orgasm and the effect was fully reversible when treatment was stopped. The drug did not affect testicular function, serum hormonal or blood pressure in normotensive men. All 13 men and their wives reported improved sexual performance.

In the small doses used, the only side-effect was inhibition of ejaculation, which accounted for its contraceptive activity. It appeared to act primarily by eliminating contractions of the seminal vesicles, the ampulla and the ductus deferens, rather than by causing retrograde ejaculation. These observations were confirmed in an experimental animal study.

Sources: *Archives of Internal Medicine*, 1984, September, 144, 1745; *Contraception*, 1984, 29, 479.



Travellers who pay from a corporate pocket are welcome passengers for the travel business.
We look at some of the ways in which business travel can be both pleasant and profitable

Business travel

This year's special entry in the annals of civil aviation does not belong to the bellicose politics of privatizing British Airways, nor to the arrival of youthful multi-millionaire Richard Branson's cut-price Virgin Atlantic Airways on the knife-edged transatlantic route: it belongs instead to the rise and rise of a superior Business class known as J class. Innocuous as this new classification certainly sounds, it has nonetheless been responsible for the death of first class on certain intra-European routes; astute travellers will have observed that the first class facility has been jettisoned by British Airways, Air France, KLM, SAS, Finnair and Iberia on flights other than the intercontinental ones.

To ensure the confusion of travel agents whenever they consult their dreadful tomes on fares and rules, what is offered instead of first class is not necessarily "J" class: often it is "C" class. This should not be mistaken for Club class, the name (also used for Business class) given to seats allocated to passengers who pay full Economy fares and which, in any case, are coded "Y".

As dangerous as generalizations always are, they are at their most lethal in the alphabetical dyslexia of the codes airlines use to denote different degrees of comfort and service; however, "C" and "J" tend to offer the same levels of service when they are on separate aircraft. This is not the case when they both apply on a single aircraft – for example, on British Airways' long-haul flights which offer First, Super Club, Club and Economy, with as many as seven different fares being paid by those at the back of the plane.

There are indications that the demise of short-haul first class facilities will not be mourned except perhaps by the 25 per cent of non-paying passengers: the airline inspectors, catering controllers and Head Office boffins. According to a recent survey commissioned by the monthly *Business Traveller*, only 4 per cent of frequent travellers (those making at least one flight a month) choose to travel first class on short-hauls. On longer flights, those lasting five hours or more, 20 per cent travel first class.

Meanwhile, as service in Business class continues to improve, some airlines are evidently having difficulty in maintaining the superiority of first class. Thai Airways has tried to win this particular battle by firstly eliminating Business class altogether on regional routes and secondly by adding Möet and Chandon to the Business class wine list on long-haul flights while replenishing the glasses of those in first with Dom Pérignon.

Elsewhere, the problem is one of distinguishing the class by name: on North West Orient's Scottish-USA route, the best seats are those in the Executive Suite, a zone combining First and Executive class with First class service ("J") replaces First on routes serving North, South and Central America and Africa. Grand class passengers are invited to take their "Siesta Dreamer" seats.

In the decade since the bravest airlines (TWA and Qantas) first introduced the Business class concept, most major carriers have come to appreciate that business travellers are worth cossetting and that they wish to arrive at their destinations in the best possible condition.

Although this has led to a degree of rivalry over adequate seat pitches, cushion widths and advertisements proclaiming the "widest seats in the sky" (not forgetting MORE LEG ROOM), it has not led to the recognition of Business class by that most divisive body, the International Air Transport Association (IATA). In fact there is no minimum level of service which airlines offering Business class are obliged to provide.

This means that carriers vie for consumer loyalty with frills: matching sockettes and eye-sockettes, neck pack sleeping aids and other uncomfortable-sounding gadgets. Where the business traveller's stomach is concerned – although it is the number of bottoms on seats which concern the airlines - he or she is engorged by "three-course, multientréed cuisine, prepared by internationally-accaimed chefs, all dishes to be accompanied by a generous selection of fine wines, champagnes and liqueurs".

Whether or not this is what "Sir" or "Madam" really wants, as far as European airlines are concerned, this is all that they will get. For "something a little stronger", the traveller is advised to look to the other side of the Atlantic.

Few people, even the harshest critics of deregulation, would argue that the ebullient nature of domestic travel in the United States leaves the European market looking anything other than moribund. Former president Jimmy Carter's 1979 "freedom of the skies" campaign turned the business of buying airline tickets into a bonanza of freebies, free car rentals and home videos.

The disparity between domestic fares paid by an American and his European counterpart cannot be explained satisfactorily with the usual arguments: oil prices, crew costs, landing charges, maintenance; discussion always returns to the price/competition factor. Is it incidental that the volume of America's domestic traffic is equal to all the rest of the world's domestic traffic and that America's overall airline traffic currently accounts for some 40 per cent of the world's total?

The best news for European air travellers came with July's Anglo-Dutch agreement that carriers from either country could charge whatever fare they liked between the two countries, an interesting move which brought the lowest London-Amsterdam fare to £49. This was followed by a breakthrough between British Airways and Lufthansa which cut Apex return fares between the United Kingdom and Germany by up to £50.

Encouraging as these developments are, they should not be mistaken for a break in the dirty cotton-wool clouds that continue to enshroud some of the most expensive regional air fares in the world.

Carol Weingott

Deputy Editor, Business Traveller

The Anglo-Scottish route: how air transport compares with train and hire-car

With Avis: three days' unlimited mileage at £30.50 per day plus VAT in a Ford Fiesta or Vauxhall Nova.

With British Rail: five-hour one-way journey-time at £50 one-way, £98 return.

With British Airways super shuttle:

One-way peak	£58
One-way off-peak	£44
Excursion	£96



Business travel, 1984: more options than just jumping on a jumbo

Rosie Boycott spots the bargains

The high life at low cost

Two years ago when flying from London to Aspen, Colorado, at my own expense, I fell to chatting with a fellow passenger and felt one of the most galling humiliations in modern travel – I discovered I had paid far more than I needed, and could afford, for an identical service.

My airborne friend's journey was costing £350 or so less than mine. The only difference between us, except for the additional irritation that she had a window seat, was know-how, or horse-sense. She had bothered to inform herself, and I had not.

The cost of my round trip was a little over £800. Had I taken a discounted flight – bought with a "bucket shop" ticket – I could have made the same trip this year for under £500 (the full executive fare is £1,368). If I had pursued the matter I could have discovered a firm called Travel West (01-434 1078) and bought a London-Denver return for a derisory £270 and found a way of completing the Denver-Aspen section at a discount as well.

At the time I omitted to shop around for a cheap ticket because I wanted to be punctual. I was also ignorant of the well-established tickets through bucket shops. Since the airlines often disavow bucket shops, and deny that they offer discounts (even though their economic survival may be geared to them), this ignorance is forgiveable. No wonder that even experienced passengers fail to grasp that bucket-shop tickets and regular tickets are the same animal.

From the moment that the aeroplane door closes, every empty seat is worthless. To survive economically, the airlines have been forced to discount unsold tickets and space that they know from experience will be available on a very high percentage of their routes. Long-haul flights offer the best discounts.

Discount tickets are available to nearly every destination in the world and the savings are worthwhile. For example, from London to Tokyo you might pay between £745 and £778 for a restricted economy flight bought "officially", but a discount ticket would cost £620 from Euro Asean Travel (01-499 8485) £635 at Natrabu (01-491 4469) or £640 at Tourworld (01-734 3535).

A return trip to Sydney, booked in advance and subject to restrictions, costs £710 (an open economy costs as much as £1,534). A variety of discount operators such as Astral Travel (021-643 2077), who offer a £562 return, or Linkair (01-437 6117) with £595, or Travelbag (0420 88724), who have returns for £599, will undercut the official fare.

The savings are naturally greater on long-haul flights but many discounts are available to European destinations. The official London-Frankfurt fare, for example, costs between £108 and £190, depending on the restrictions, but Euro Asean Travel and Seatsavers (0532 431527) both offer Frankfurt returns for £70, while Davies Turner (01-622 6477) charge £92.

Discounts can also be obtained on first or business class tickets. Many discount agencies negotiate deals with companies offering them club or first-class seats at economy rates, in return for perhaps £50,000 worth of business each year. For instance, the official first-class return to Kuala Lumpur is £2,970: the discount price from Bestways (01-930 3985) is £1,400, while Hogg Robinson (01 242 1091) and Pickfords Travelmart (01-253 1000) offer a variety of discounts on similar tickets.

Unoccupied hotel rooms generate no more revenue than empty plane seats and you can therefore find discounts on hotel rooms. Natrabu specialize in the Far East and offer up to 50 per cent discounts on selected hotel rooms; one night at the Jakarta Mandarin would normally cost £108, but with Natrabu it would be £54.

It is worth remembering, too, that most hotels will not hold bookings after 6.30 pm. At the end of the day the manager's duty is to fill the establishment, so if you arrive with your luggage at about 7 pm the price might already have dropped by a third. There is often a ritual involved in claiming your reduction. Offer your business card to the receptionist, and ask if you qualify for a discount.

Excess luggage charges – particularly for sales staff – can often cancel out savings made on other areas of travel, or even cost as much as the flight itself. Airlines charge 1 per cent of the first class fare for each excess kilo.

To take 30 kilograms excess to Hongkong would cost £1,241. The London Baggage Company is the only company I have heard of which intends to beat these prices. By buying freight space in advance, LBC are able to transport those 30 kilos to Hongkong for £135; they will pick the luggage up from your home or office and if enough warning is given they will get it onto the same flight. (They can be contacted on 01-828 2400).

Insurance can be a major expense while travelling and the costs vary greatly. To take an extreme example, if you needed to be in the US for six months, you could pay as little as £15 or as much as £182 for the same insurance cover. The cheapest policy is offered by Pan-Am in their "Fly-drive" programme. It costs £15 and is valid from the time you land in the US until your return trip (not more than six months).

The travel business is complicated and has a great variety in its price structures. It really does pay to be well informed.

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Irene Farnsworth reports on the clubs that really hit the high spots

Living in luxury at 30,000 feet



Cossetting the business traveller has become a preoccupation with major airlines. Survey after survey has been carried out in an attempt to pinpoint needs, but not all the whims of business travellers can be accommodated. A survey by Scandinavian Airlines System revealed a desire for showers on aircraft. but even on a long-haul flight, it would not be feasible. The prospect of 100 people lining up for a 15-minute session in the shower was daunting, but SAS installed showers in its rest room at Copenhagen airport instead.

The airline has been able to meet the businessman's most important requirement. It was named the most punctual airline in a recent international survey in which it took fifth place in a poll on the world's best airlines.

In winter, 60 per cent of SAS passengers travelling between Great Britain and Scandinavia are businessmen. When a $15m "new look" investment programme, now nearing completion, was begun, Landor Associates, the world's largest strategic design consultants, were engaged to re-define SAS's corporate image with specific emphasis on the needs of the business traveller.

In line with other carriers, SAS operates a club for frequent flyers, the Royal Viking Club. Privileges include the use of 17 Scanorama lounges, including one at Heathrow.



Two approaches to easier travel: David Antrobus (nearest LearJet), managing director of Northern Executive Aviation, at Manchester Airport, with passengers and David Whitehead, operations manager, far right; and above, symbols of discount travelling

The use of an exclusive lounge with amenities such as newspapers, magazines, telephones and complimentary refreshments, is one of the main advantages of belonging to an airline club.

If you have ever seen anyone at an airport knocking three times at a discreet door, then disappearing behind it, the chances are they have the credentials for admission to a VIP lounge. Some airlines charge an annual subscription for club membership, other clubs are open to travellers regularly using the carriers operating them.

British Caledonian, the first airline to introduce a business cabin on planes six years ago, maintains regular contact with the 6,500 members of its Chieftain Club. Qualification for membership is eight return long-haul trips; a weekly European flight; domestic flights twice a week; or a combination of these criteria. Quarterly bulletins are issued, highlighting special packages and Chieftain members may use the 21 lounges throughout the network.

Free service

British Airways Executive Club, which was started in 1982, operates a wide range of services for business travellers featuring an exclusive reservations service, a special check-in desk for members at most airports and more airport lounges than any other airline. Discounts are offered on car rental and hotels and there is a free message and mail service through worldwide business centres. Membership subscription is £55 a year and a colour magazine is circulated monthly.

Swissair is extremely selective in granting membership to its Travel Club. With quality of service as its watchword, the airline does not want to overload the amenities for frequent long-haul travellers. Swissair, used to flying high in surveys, emerged as the international businessman's favourite airline in an independent survey for *Business Traveller* magazine. British Airways came third, after Singapore Airlines, and British Caledonian sixth.

In addition to running clubs, American airlines, including Pan Am, TWA and Braniff, reward frequent flyers with free travel prizes based on mileage logged up. Links with other international carriers mean that transatlantic crossings made with them to connect with domestic flights in the United States can earn free travel points. Travellers must have an address in the US.

Entertainment

With an estimated £13 billion a year spent on travel and entertainment by British-based companies, specialist travel agencies are prepared for the business. American Express, the third largest business travel agency in the United Kingdom, has launched Travel Management Services to offer a complete package of organizing and monitoring business travel for companies. Sales through Pickfords Travel's 60 business travel centres, equipped with high technology systems to provide instant access to the reservations centres of all major airlines, are up by 23 per cent this year.

The concept of providing an all-embracing personal and professional service for the business traveller gave birth to the Executive Club International. Members are issued with a "gold card" guaranteeing a number of concessions, including access to night clubs and health clubs, facilities for entertaining clients at top sporting events, discounts on car hire and free travel insurance. The club, a limited company with a £250,000 turnover, started five years ago as the London Executive Club but expanded its service worldwide in response to demand.

Hotels to fit all types of executive

Many hotels are now wooing the business executive with great vigour, offering lavish executive facilities, corporate discount schemes, and a general air of determination to make such guests feel especially cossetted.

The Hilton International chain is typical of the luxury class of hotel; the majority of its clients are men and women travelling on business. Sheraton, Hyatt and the Holiday Inns are others who spare no effort in attracting this lucrative category of guest.

Many hotels have whole floors dedicated to the business needs, and often decorated distinctively, using a particular theme. There will often be a special lounge, open for most of the day and night, offering free breakfasts, constant supplies of coffee and other drinks, newspapers, magazines and books, with hostesses and stewards in attendance.

Separate rapid check-in and check-out services, and often a separate lift to the executive floor or lounge, suggest an analogy with first-class treatment at an airport. Secretarial help, telephones and telex, photocopying and banking services will also be plentiful, and sometimes at very competitive prices.

"Executive fitness centres" have also proliferated at the top of the hotel range, with swimming pools, tennis and squash courts, saunas and gymnasiums of a very high standard. Medical specialists are often on hand to ensure that the pampered executive does not overdo it.

Trusthouse Forte's 200 hotels in this country (800 worldwide) offer a variety of business services according to the category of hotel. They also offer corporate discounts by special arrangement and in-house credit cards, some of which entitle regular users to discounts. The second-largest British-based hotel chain, Crest, also operates a "Business Club" by which discounts are arranged on a corporate basis according to the volume of business.

The Sheraton chain, with 455 hotels worldwide housing almost 21 million guests annually, describes its "Towers" as offering "an hotel within an hotel to cater for the needs of the harassed business traveller . . . a uniquely personalized service and supreme comfort all at a cost of approximately 20 per cent above the normal rates". A further attraction here is "ice-cold champagne on tap" in the separate check-in area.

But even at this level, corporate clients are expected to have an eye for a bargain. The Sheraton Executive Traveller (SET) scheme guarantees room rates for a year, makes available special offers and holiday bonuses, car-hire discounts of 10 to 20 per cent, and free reservation and cancellation services.

Guests who use any of Hyatt's 115 hotels 10 times a year or more are entitled to a "Gold Passport", which brings a 10 to 15 per cent discount on the superior room rate, special cheque-cashing facilities, and weekend and holiday hospitality at most hotels: a husband or wife can stay free and (if the room is available) a second night's stay will be complimentary.

Tony Samstag

Why self-fly is taking off

Businessmen with their heads in the clouds are cutting costs and saving time. They are qualifying as pilots and hiring planes for business trips within Europe. Flying is being looked on as "an additional useful tool" said Colin Heathcote, managing director of the Cabair group which runs flying schools at Elstree, Biggin Hill and Denham.

Cabair, founded by Captain Heathcote in 1969 as a charter air taxi service and now with a £2.5m to £3m turnover, is experiencing a steady increase in the number of people learning to fly.

Captain Heathcote said: "I think it is because we are in a very good catchment area near London. And we have put a lot of our energies into the good management of the flying schools. We deliberately set about encouraging businessmen to learn how to fly by operating a professional unit".

The schools have 350 people in various stages of training and a high percentage are businessmen. A Private Pilot's Licence (Instrument Reading) course is run and about 25 pilots a year are trained. For those wanting to make use of their new skill, Cabair can offer an efficient hire service. The group operates a fleet of more than 70 planes.

Self-fly costs 30p a mile and with two passengers the charge per person drops dramatically.

"It then makes phenomenal economic sense before you take into account time saved, because of the flexibility, and cutting out overnight hotel expenses", said Captain Heathcote. "Every day, several planes are hired by someone going somewhere on business. It is a trend I see growing."

Despite the fact that it now costs more than £2,000 to learn to fly, there has been no drop in the number of applicants. But self-fly is popular in the South-East rather than in the country generally, said Larry Flowerdew of the Air Transport Operators Association.

The recession, competition from inter-city rail services, greater frequency of scheduled airline services and shuttles, have all diminished the need for charter flying. Business in some parts of the country is in the doldrums but there are signs of a return to charter flying.

"We have been through a very difficult time, but in the main the feeling is that things are on the turn, Companies are returning to transporting teams of people by charter", said Mr Flowerdew.

Northern Executive Aviation, based at Manchester International Airport, is one of the companies getting back to the level of activity it was experiencing before the recession. During the first week in September, 110 passengers were transported to a number of destinations.

David Whitehead of Northern Executive, said: "We carry businessmen from a wide range of companies. Chartering can be cost effective especially if a group of people from one company are travelling. Manchester to Paris works out at £150 per head for eight passengers which is £20 less than the full economy return fare on a scheduled flight. Manchester to Dublin costs £65 per head for a full load of nine compared with £110 full air fare. There is also the advantage of being able to get them there and back when they want to travel."

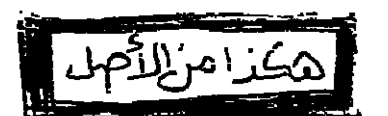
With 200 airfields in Britain and good facilities throughout Europe for the operation of air-taxi services, it is possible to provide direct links to a towns and cities without major airports.

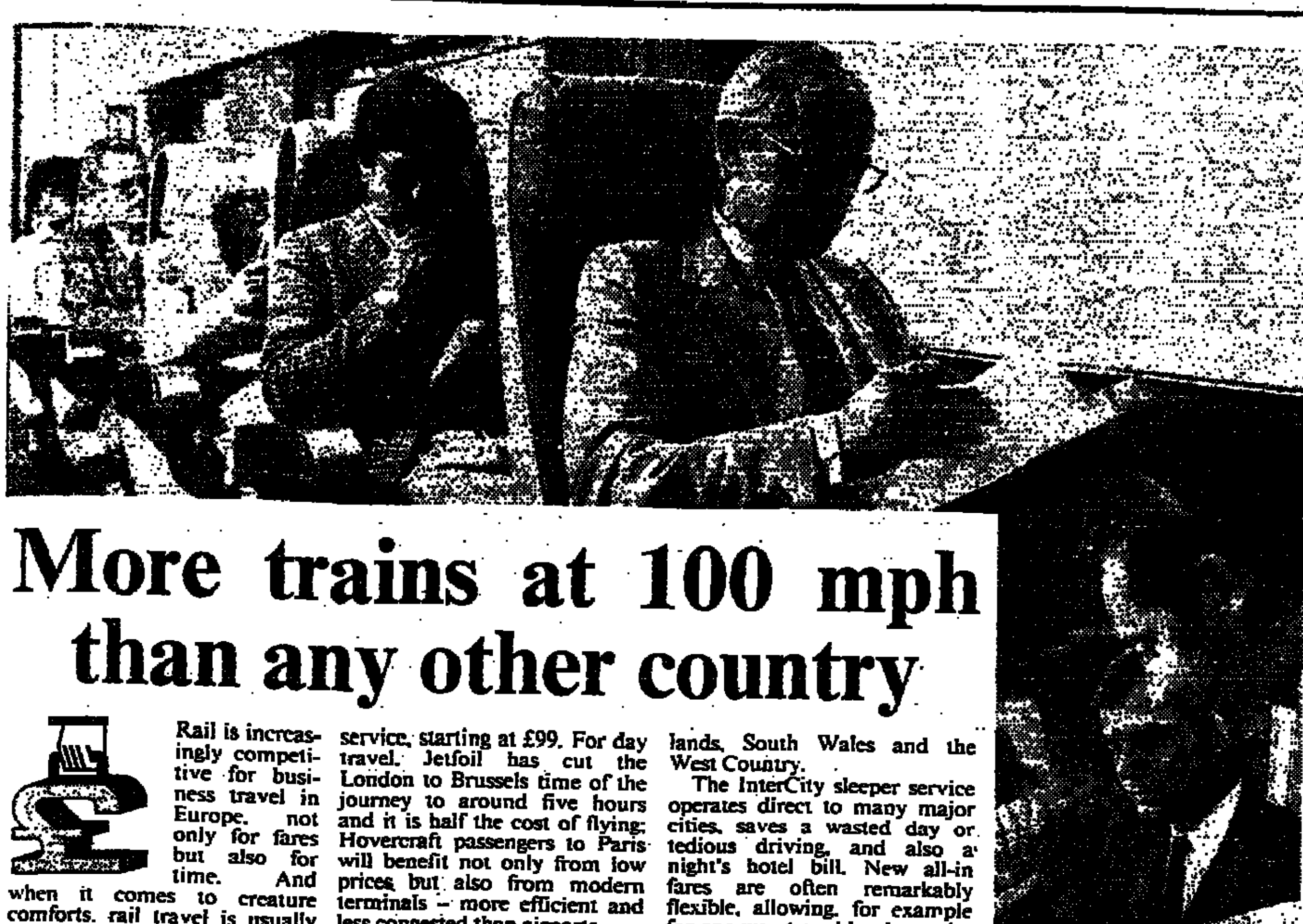
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Captain Colin Heathcote, managing director of the Cabair Group, which teaches business executives to fly







Taking the pain from the train – travellers in France with *luxe, calme* and a hefty helping of *fromage*

More trains at 100 mph than any other country

Rail is increasingly competitive for business travel in Europe. not only for fares but also for time. And when it comes to creature comforts. rail travel is usually unrivalled.

Already, the French rail 168mph TGV train has made travel between Paris and Lyons, from city centre to city centre, quicker than by air, and a new direct route from Lille to Lyons will cut the overall journey time by up to an hour.

British Rail InterCity runs more trains at 100 mph than any other country. The InterCity 125 high-speed trains operate throughout most of the BR network. and the InterCity Flying Scotsman now covers almost 400 miles between London and Edinburgh in four and a half hours.

Night service

Over the next five years British Rail plans to spend £18m refurbishing 1,300 coaches, improving seat design and adding a total of 3,750 extra seats in second class. Telephones are to be installed in first class coaches, and external repainting will bring them into line with BR's smart new livery of two tones of grey with red and white stripes. Air conditioning is already standard on most InterCity routes.

For many destinations in Europe rail is a most attractive alternative to air. Sealink is proud of the 17,000 tonne St Nicholas. the biggest British ferry, which serves Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Belgium.

For businessmen, InterCity Europe offers all-inclusive Executive passages on the night service, starting at £99. For day travel. Jetfoil has cut the London to Brussels time of the journey to around five hours and it is half the cost of flying; Hovercraft passengers to Paris will benefit not only from low prices but also from modern terminals – more efficient and less congested than airports.

One very popular cost-cutting device is the Travel Key charge card. Since its introduction in June 1983 about 16,000 people representing 8,000 companies have made use of the facility and the number is expected to double by the end of this year.

The card costs £12.50 and may be used to pay for travel anywhere on the BR network, for Travellers Fare meals on trains (and for most Travellers Fare off-licences) and in station restaurants. The card is also accepted by Sealink services Godfrey Davis Europcar car hire, Red Star parcels and at more than 200 hotels.

Its use carries an automatic 10 per cent discount on train restaurant meals and room costs at the specified hotels, and 15 per cent on Europacar. Frequent use may earn certain benefits, ranging from a free first-class rail ticket on a Saturday or Sunday to any BR destination when a cardholder spends his first £50, to a weekend break for two in Paris or Amsterdam in return for expenditure of £1,400 or more.

Sleeper journey

First-class travellers who make frequent journeys between Harwich and the Hook of Holland can also save money by joining the Double H Club. A courtesy card is stamped by the ship's purser on each journey; 10 single trips entitle the cardholder to a first-class return journey between any BR station and any Dutch station with free cabin accommodation up to the value of a single cabin. A company can be a cardholder, in which case the free journey is available after 20 single trips by employees; and the company nominates the recipient.

An alternative to flying would be BR's Executive Saloon, "a boardroom on wheels", available for hire at £200 single or £300 same-day return (plus the standard first-class fare per traveller), on InterCity high speed services on East Coast, Midland and Western Region main lines and on the route between Scotland, north east England, the Midlands, South Wales and the West Country.

The InterCity sleeper service operates direct to many major cities, saves a wasted day or tedious driving, and also a night's hotel bill. New all-in fares are often remarkably flexible, allowing, for example for one-way travel by day train. A first-class sleeper journey between London and Glasgow costs no more than tourist-class air fare.

An InterCity Executive Ticket can save time and effort for travel by BR by allowing the traveller to make most of the arrangements in one simple transaction covering first-class return fare, outward seat reservation, breakfast and car hire.

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Derek Harris looks at the battle for car-hire customers

National or local: the good, the bad

Car rental is getting more popular with business travellers. Last year the usage of *short-term car rental* was up 5 per cent and though the influx of American tourists has swelled rentals this summer, a large part of the volume increases is coming from the increased use of rented cars by industry and commerce, according to David Hardman, managing director of Godfrey Davis Europcar (GDE).

While GDE claims to be the biggest operator in car rental, it still accounts on its estimates for only 14 per cent of this fragmented market. Swan National, part of the Trustee Savings Bank group, is running at about the same level of market share and is strongest in the corporate market. Avis and Hertz also have a strong presence. Avis and Hertz are subsidiaries of American companies Avis of Norton Simon and Hertz of RCA Corporation.

The only other big national operators of any size are Kennings and Budget Rent a Car which has been widening its United Kingdom chain of franchised outlets. Budget, which is another American offshoot now has 108 of these. But all these national operators together account for barely half the near £300m-a-year rental market because there are so many small, localized car rental operations, most run by single garages or car dealers. Their rates tend to be the lowest.

Chauffeur transfers from the airport

One strength of the national chains is that they can readily cope with the demand by business travellers for car pick-up in one place and drop-off elsewhere in the country. Most offer this service at no extra cost but the position on an individual journey should always be checked.

Though the use of rented cars is growing the biggest single reason why business travellers turn to hiring is temporarily to replace the car already being used, either their own or a company pool car. This is why business users look most for convenience and reliability, according to Mr Hardman.

GDE has desks at 20 airports and uniquely at 73 British Rail key stations. It has 273 offices altogether around the country. Airports produce the highest volume of business.

A recent GDE initiative has been to offer chauffeured cars for the transfer of business groups from airports, for three-hour hire over lunchtime in London (£30) and also for four-hour evening periods.

Swan National has deals with some 350 hotels which allow it to offer combined car hire and hotel packages at rates which are much cheaper than if the two services were booked separately. A night in a small hotel with a day's car hire might be about £32, including a full English breakfast. Swan's Coverdrive service includes a national chain of garages and repair workshops.

Freddie Aldous, Swan's chairman, said: "We have to be careful our industry does not go down the path of the airlines industry. There are so many different tariffs for so many different uses."

But he forecasts a continued growth in corporate demand for rental cars, partly because the regular company user can *secure considerable* discounts – 15 to 20 per cent are not uncommon – from the big companies.

Mr Aldous said: "It means companies can contract out of expensive car fleet buying to a monthly or annual hiring deal and get better service. It is no longer necessary to employ staff to run the company's own transport."

Hertz has introduced a European business class tariff which it claims to be the industry's first all-in price covering insurance and unlimited mileage. Drop off of cars between key cities in different countries is offered. It is offering discounts to employees of smaller companies reductions with A Business Partner Card.

While Hertz is stressing its personal service it is also working towards a system where the business traveller will have no need to go to a car rental check-in counter thanks to computerized systems.

Hertz has just introduced mobile telephones to its up-market prestige cars rented in central London.

Avis claims its market share of airport traffic has risen 11 per cent in the past year with a 19 per cent increase in town locations. More than 40 per cent of Avis business revolves around Heathrow Airport.

Avis has just started a streamlined car hire scheme in a link with British Airways shuttle services between London and Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester. Rental documentation is completed during flights to allow faster getaway.

Fast expansion of contract hire

Contract hire is expanding even faster, probably at the rate of about 12 per cent a year. Contract hire on an annual or longer basis offers companies an all-in package for fleet operation covering not only financing but all operating costs with additional services like replacement vehicles. There is a new trend to include the insurance element in the all-in packages. Fuel monitoring systems are also being offered.

Nearly three quarters of all new company cars are still purchased outright but contract hire now accounts for rather more than 10 per cent.

Women lost in a system geared to men



Some months ago a hotel chain startled the travel world by declaring that 60 per cent of women guests on their own preferred to sit alone in their rooms rather than face off-hand or discriminatory treatment in hotel restaurants or lounges.

But they were not telling the truth. The real figure was 80 per cent "but if we had said that no-one would have believed us" confesses Penny Simpson, British public relations representative for the Ramada chain. The disclosure shows how much effort is needed from the hotel industry before lone women travellers feel at home in a system which is geared towards men or, at the most, couples.

Change is already on the way as some hotel chains are doing their sums and calculating that there is big money to be made from wooing the woman business traveller.

Pester protection

The proportion of women business travellers has increased rapidly in the United States over the past 10 years from a negligible number to 30 per cent. In Europe their numbers have almost doubled in the past three years and in Britain they account for between 15 to 20 per cent of hotel guests. The ladies with the briefcases have become the fastest growing sector of a rapidly expanding market and "there is great potential there" as one executive commented happily.

Companies who have taken the trouble to ask what their women business guests really want have all come up with the same answers: the same respect and attention as a man and service which enables them to stay well-groomed. Protection from pestering comes into it, although for most this is not a major worry.

They found that a woman who is made to feel at ease and well looked after in a hotel will come back again and again. If a woman is insulted, her custom will be lost for ever.

A high-powered woman executive, who hosted a conference at one of London's leading American hotels, provides an example. As the meeting dragged on into the night she had to go down to the foyer to collect some papers; on her return she was barred from the lift by a floor manager who, inexplicably mistaking her profession, said: "I'm afraid we do not allow women to accompany gentlemen to their rooms at this time of night."

Furious complaints and grovelling apologies did nothing to heal the wound. "I told them I shall never set foot in that hotel again", she says. "It has lost them an awful lot of business."

Many women travellers feel they could write a book about the prejudices and sheer thoughtlessness which often makes travelling less than pleasant. An American, infuriated at being ignored at breakfast, finally put her napkin on her head; the waiters came running. "We thought you were waiting for your husband", they said.

Angela Davies, a company secretary from Manchester, says she often arrives at hotels with male aides to claim rooms booked in her name, to find the staff will only deal with the man, as if she was simply the wife, secretary or "bit of fluff". "Its embarrassing for the man, too", she says.

Two big international chains who are taking the woman traveller seriously, Crest Hotels and Ramada, say they have been holding courses to train their staff out of the old, automatic assumptions and into a new attitude: spot the host and behave accordingly; speak to the person who booked the rooms, never assume that a woman is merely an appendage to a man.

Staff are taught to keep a protective eye on single women in the bar, an area where misunderstandings may arise. "I always take my briefcase as a kind of prop, to show I'm there for a drink and not a man" says Frau Kathrin Sommer, a fashion buyer from Hamburg. "But then, why should one need to, why should a women feel awkward to drink alone in a bar?"

Receptionists are instructed to hand keys to the porter without announcing the room number of the new arrival to the whole of the reception area. Ramada have put good locks, chains and peep-holes on their doors.

Much attention has been paid to the rooms, which businesswomen often need to use for interviews or meetings. Both hotel chains have aimed to make them look more like sitting rooms, with the bed discreetly tucked away against the wall. Crest have chosen Laura Ashley prints and duvets in its Ladycrest rooms, an ultra-feminine touch which some women might feel they could do without.

Tight control

Hairdryers, long mirrors and skirt hangers are provided and – they say – irons and ironing boards are available: the first priority after a long journey. This writer's prize, however, would go to the hotel which has a hairdresser that opens at 8 am, and not – as so often happens – at 10 am, long after the day's work has begun.

Campaigns such as Crest's and Ramada's are clearly easier in organizations with tight central control of policy.

Trusthouse Forte, a varied group, say the kind of service being offered by Crest and Ramada would be available in their best hotels anyway, while the more modest ones are out to attract more customers, whatever their sex.

Patricia Clough





Restaurant to relaxation: mixed doubles at a business lunch in London at the Carlton Tower Hotel, top, and the perfect end to a business trip – at ease on British Caledonian

Murray Cabot on how to find trouble-free transport

No tips – no hassles

There are many things even a seasoned traveller can do to save money. First, you will never save more than by being smart about air fares; you are beset neither by the euphoria of a deal made nor the gloom of a deal lost.

There are a lot of bargains around that don't involve being at Gatwick to catch the 0200 plane to Belize. In my last job I always felt that going first class to New York was not really value for money and yet a mixture of laziness and hedonism left me travelling up front. Now I work for a financially sound but less well-off organization, I have discovered that not only is Club Class excellent, but that I can go non-IATA club for less money and less hassle.

Because People Express charges its Premium Class passengers for food and drink, businessmen don't seem to want to know, with the result that on a recent flight back from the US – right up front in leather seats – I was the only person in the section; enough room for a party and no-one to party with. The price of the round trip was several hundred pounds less than IATA club and it seemed that I could change my flight at will.

Silly prices

Then there are other deals – one, IATA Lines, allows you to fly around the world (if that's what you want) first class for around £2,000. About the only condition is that you don't double back, and in any case who would want to do that unless you are working on someone elses credit card?

If you wish to avoid the silly prices charged by hotels in the centre of large European cities (of which London – in terms of the average executive's pay – is perhaps the most silly) then a short taxi ride from the middle should reduce the bill by around 30 per cent. Unfortunately a sort of snobbism seems to have grown up about where you stay so that quite soon after the question "Where did you go to school?", comes "What hotel are you staying at?" You may not have gone to the right school, but for cash you can stay at the right hotel, hence the temptation to spend.

My only experiment at reducing hotel prices outside Europe came when, sensing that friends with whom I normally stay in New York were needing their spare room, I ventured to try a less expensive hotel quite close to the centre. Although nothing much happened to me, I would definitely recommend the place in next year's demolition plans.

Finally on the subject of hotels, some mony can be saved in two other ways: most hotels (outside the US and Canada) treat their phone charges rather in the same way as they treat their wine charges–they double or triple them, so phone the office or get them to phone you back at the hotel. Remember though that the rate at which a call is charged depends on the time at the place the call is made rather than the time at the place the call is made to.

Second, a small point: 15 per cent is often added to the bill for room service so when your panting, waiter is standing there with fingers caressing an open palm, show no pity.

Unless you are being taken out to nightclubs – don't. To the proprietors you look like the largest ship in the world, steaming up the channel in full moonlight. Your host will know the ropes, you won't.

Taxis are another source of amazement – either to your boss when he sees the bill, or the amounts they demand when it's you who is in a tight spot. If you have ever tried bargaining with a taxi when you want to get from the international airport to the centre of Sao Paolo then you'll know. In this particular case its a better idea to go onto Rio with those nice aircrew people and fly back into the city centre on a local plane the next day – its only 10 minutes from downtown.

The best way to save money on taxis is to be aware of at least some rackets.

Racket one: The factor of 10 fiddle. For example when flying into Hongkong and heading for your hotel (OK you've given up trying to save money and its the Mandarin) on the island, you will be told that you have to change cabs.

Heat goes off

What then may happen is that the first cab tries to charge you the fare multiplied by a factor of ten. Best advice here is to take the hotel limousine (but tell them you're coming).

Racket two: The failed meter fiddle only spotted from JFK to Manhattan – is when the cab driver starts to whine about how his cab's not working too well. He then reaches under the dashboard and two things happen – first the meter stops working and then the heat goes off.

He mumbles something about the meter being hors de combat. (not really, but the Brooklyn equivalent) and it being "OK"

The result is that you end up by being pressured to pay more than the full fare whilst the cabbie pockets the lot.

Cheque or cash: the $64,000 question

Cash, travellers cheques, Eurocheques, credit cards . . . which is the best way to take your spending money abroad? The safe answer is probably all of them.

The least useful method is your standard sterling cheques backed by Eurocheque encashment cards. Although this is simple (all you need is the card, apart from your cheque book) these can only be used at banks – shops will not accept them. Nor, for that matter will some banks on the Continent and those that do charge 80p or more on each cheque on top of what your own clearing bank will charge. And they are, of course, only useful for travel in Europe.

The most useful method is undoubtedly cash, either in sterling or currency of the country you are visiting. Apart from the small exchange commission charge, cash costs nothing and can be used anywhere. But since it can so easily be lost or stolen with no compensation no sensible traveller would carry more than a fairly small proportion of his funds this way.

Two elaborations on the cheque theme are travellers cheques, of course, the Uniform Eurocheques. The former from well known names are widely accepted and can be used in shops, restaurants and hotels as well as banks. Although it can be more expensive to take currency travellers cheques, rather than sterling ones (since a second commission has to be paid on any surplus changed back into sterling at the end) there are advantages. The rate of exchange given by a shop or restaurant on a sterling cheque is likely to be considerably worse than that given by a bank selling currency travellers cheques.

Uniform Eurocheques, offered by the Midland and National Westminster banks, are also useful. Uniform consists of a chequebook which can be used to write cheques in any European currency, backed by a cheque card. Although there is a 1.25 per cent commission when they are used at a bank to get cash, there is, again, the advantage of getting a bank's exchange rate and not that of a retail outlet. These cheques are widely used on the Continent and thus widely accepted. Moreover, the card can be used in some automatic cash dispensing machines in Spain and France. Here again, though, Uniform Eurocheque is only useful in Europe whilst travellers cheques can be used in most parts of the world.

Finally, credit cards. All the main card names – Access, Visa, American Express, Diners Club – are widely acceptable in western countries. They can all be used in shops, restaurants and hotels and can also be used to withdraw cash.

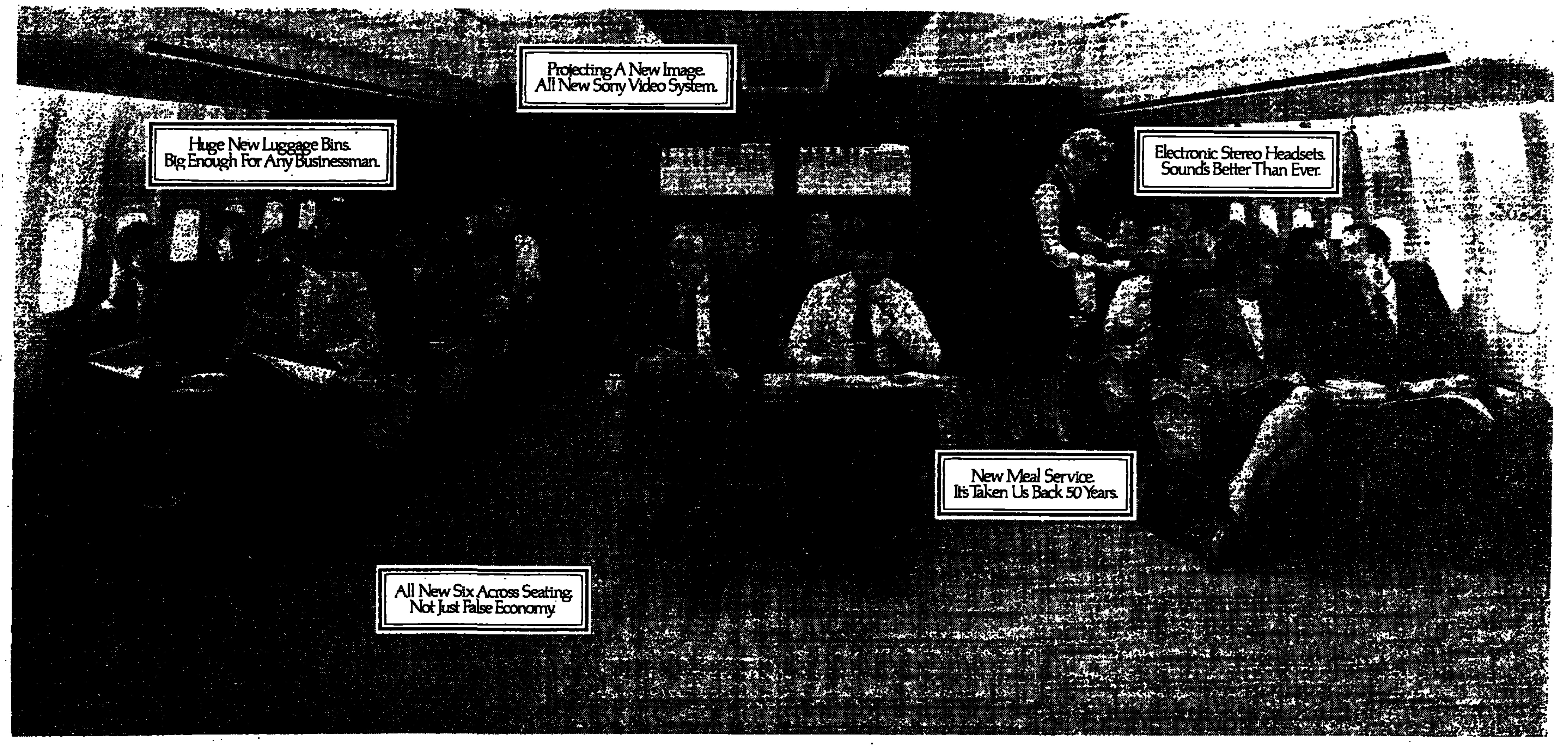
An advantage of Access and Visa is that since they are accepted by many banks the user has a wide choice of cash outlets. Amex and Diners Club can generally only be used to withdraw cash from the issuer's local office – and there is likely to be only one of those in town. Charges on cash withdrawals vary widely, from Access's 0.06 per cent per day on outstanding advances to Diners Club's 4 per cent flat fee on each withdrawal

The type of money a businessman takes abroad with him may well depend on where he is going. Clearly, some of the methods mentioned above will only work in some countries. In western Europe and America credit cards are probably the simplest way of paying for most things: they are easy to carry and, unlike travellers cheques, the money does not have to be put up front in advance. But to be safe, it is wise to have several different cards since they may not all be accepted in the same shops and restaurants.

Travellers further afield, for instance in many parts of Asia, would be sensible to take a large amount of good old fashioned travellers cheques. Even if you cannot easily find a bank or miss their opening times because of their unfamiliarity, travellers cheques in the local currency can, in many countries, be used as cash.

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22	Fisons	
23	Eastern Prod	
24	Johnson Matthey	
25	Hawker Siddeley	
26	Herman Smith	
27	IMI	
28	Evode	
29	Glynwed	
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	FOODS	
31	AB Food	
32	Utd Biscuits	
33	RHM	
34	Low (Wm)	
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183	121	Hambros	158	−5	8.5	5.4	16.9
16	9	Do (50p)	£13	..	82.9	6.4	13.8
360	235	Hill Samuel	278	−2	15.0	5.4	7.8
71	48½	HK Shanghai	69	+½	4.3b	6.2	..
313	228½	Joseph (Leopold)	253	..	18.1	6.9	12.2
164	124	King & Shaxson	145	..	11.8	8.0	12.8
460	330	Kleinwort Benson	330	..	17.9	5.4	8.3
532	422	Lloyds	487	+3	34.9	7.2	4.1
63	46	Lon Scot Fin	56	..	3.8	6.9	10.7
42	25	Manson	25	..	1.4	5.7	9.9
510	423	Mercury Secs	425	..	16.4	3.9	8.9
429	277	Midland	354	+2	36.4	10.3	5.9
173	110	Minster Assets	171	..	7.1	4.2	15.9
256	193	Nat Aust Bk	225	+2	..	..	..
588	420	Nat West	549	..	36.2	6.6	4.3
66	57	Ottoman	£66	+½	450	6.8	10.1
182	144	Provident	157	−1	12.8	8.1	7.1
100	72½	Rea Bros	88	..	1.8	2.0	28.8
23½	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£17	+½	..	..	..
246	184	Royl Bnk Of Scot	225	+2	11.0	4.9	8.0
806	625	Schroders	645	..	23.8	3.7	10.8
370	290	Seccombe M	355	..	28.6	8.0	11.7
71	45	Smith St Aubyn	63	..	6.4	10.2	6.7
579	442	Stand Chart	482	+5	40.0	8.3	6.7
763	612	Union	723	−5	48.6	6.7	11.8
57	42	Wagon	49	..	3.9	8.0	12.2
36½	23½	Wells Fargo	£34½	+½	..	..	..
255	195	Wintrust	217	−3	6.1	2.8	14.6

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Takeover tips from the Brooke Bond defeat

Brooke Bond's defences were swiftly and decisively broken yesterday when Rowe & Pitman, using its particular skills on Unilever's behalf, went into the market and emerged with 30 per cent of Brooke Bond's equity, bought at a cost of £165m. It was the biggest market operation of its kind. At the end of the day, which also saw Unilever raise its formal offer from 114p to 125p, Unilever held 57.1 per cent of Brooke Bond: the seige, which had begun on September 3 after Tate & Lyle had made an initial assault as long ago as July 23, was over; except for an exchange of warring words with Brooke Bond's chairman, Sir John Cuckney.

The fall of Brooke Bond is another tactical triumph for Morgan Grenfell, the sweeter in that Lazards, who had long been Unilever's merchant bankers, is acting for Brooke Bond. True, had Goliath not beaten David on this occasion, the chairman of Unilever might have done more than call a spade a shovel: in the way of Lancastrians, he would probably have used it to ban his new merchant bankers about the head. Unilever's acquisition of Brooke Bond is, however, more than a simple case study in relative size and weaponry, and as such it deserves to be examined by other major companies and their corporate advisers.

It would be ridiculous to suggest that at the first approach by a big company, a smaller company should immediately capitulate. The first bid price, almost by definition, will be gained from a firm negotiating stance. But there are points to be lost from a protracted defence, which may have more to do with the *amour propre* of the defending board than rational calculations of the maximum benefits that might be won as for directors, senior management, employees and shareholders alike. Defence at any cost is also likely to involve tactical mistakes.

Brooke Bond's defence, the end, was notably strident, and unlikely to prevail against a determined giant like Unilever. The major miscalculations were two. In the first place, Brooke Bond banked on intervention by an American bidder, ingnoring the fact that US companies do not like contested bids, and would be disinclined to confront Unilever, whose size and standing in US is respected.

Secondly, Brooke Bond and its advisers clung to the old-fashioned belief that the word is more powerful than the cheque book. The judgment of terms is now with hard-nosed fund managers, for whom performance, their own and that of the company bid for, is critical. A management with an indifferent record will not normally be given a second chance.

In the early stages of a contested takeover, the bidder is prepared to pay a good deal for the endorsement of the defending board. But beyond a certian stage, the possible premium will be pared, the terms and conditions for senior managers will be forthcoming, and shareholders will have to wait longer for their money.

The 125p offer, with its loan note alternative, is technically Unilever's final offer under the Takeover Code. It expires on October 26. The bid values Brooke Bond at £389m, a nine per cent increase over the first Unilever offer and a third more that the Tate & Lyle bid which signalled the start of hostilities.

Brooke Bond shareholders are undeniably winners. Just three months ago their shares were worth less than 70p and the 125p offer gives them an exit price-earnings ratio of 12 times 1984 forecast earnings, and 10 times 1985 forecast earnings. Such a price poses the question of what Unilever will do with the assets. Mallinson-Denny, arguably the beginning of Brooke Bond's downfall, and Baxters, the butchers, might be worth £30m.

The full benefits to Unilever will be evident in the longer term. Brooke Bond's branded groceries urgently need development. With Brooke Bond's business Unilever controls around 15 per cent of the world packet tea market.

For the eclipsed company, Tate & Lyle, whose offer is officially withdrawn today, the outlook is more problematical. It is effectively thrown back on north American acquisitions to implement a growth policy. Brooke Bond has lost its struggle to stay an independant household name. Tate & Lyle has no wish to suffer the same fate.

£100m incentive for City self-help

It was inevitable that there would be loose ends after the all-night negotiating session to rescue Johnson Matthey Bankers. But the more that emerges, the stranger the whole story becomes. To start with, the need for further indemnities from more or less interested City bankers – first for the putative takeover of JMB by the Bank of Nova Scotia and now for the Bank of England – confirms that the deterioration in JMB's balance sheet, which took so long for the Bank of England and auditors Arthur Young to unravel, is still indeterminate over a wide range.

Not only, it appears, could the £120m of original capital and the £50m extracted from the Johnson Matthey parent group be lost. A further £100m could be needed.

The Bank of England's Acas-style technique of negotiating with each separate group in different rooms has left confusio about who agreed to what.

Both the Accepting Houses, as we revealed yesterday, and, more vehemently, the clearing banks are becoming disgruntled. As they talk among each other in a less intense atmosphere, they are wondering what they have let themselves in for. They are concluding, with some logic, that they have let themselves in for a rotten deal: commitments to JMB and the Bank of England if things go badly, but no benefits if JMB's loan portfolio works out better than expected.

The Bank of England, conversely, could lose only £10m under the indemnity scheme, but could net 100 per cent of a substantial profit on its £1 investment if the later, has her examinations of JMB's business turn out to have been excessively cautious.

The lesson being meted out by the Bank is, however, an important one that should be rammed home for the future. The Bank agreed to a state takeover of JMB only after the Nova Scotia deal broke down and it had failed to badger the banks into an alternative private sector solution.

We can never be sure whether or not the private sector would have cooked up a solution if the Bank had refused outright to do the decent thing. In principle, there is every reason why the banking industry should sort out its own problems like the main building societies and life assurance companies have done in the past.

Despite its vehement denials, The Bank must now realize that it has given the impression that it stands behind internationally important London markets, a formidably open-ended commitment in the City's brave new world. If it can make the indemnities stick, it will show the banks they cannot opt out of losses, although they may opt out of the potential profits from private sector rescue.

US approves Bill to protect computer chips from piracy

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The House of Representatives has approved legislation designed to protect for the first time computer companies from domestic and international "pirates" who steal costly computer chip designs to make counterfeit products.

If President Reagan signs the Bill this week, as expected, the semiconductor chips which are the base of microcomputer technology will be protected under Federal copyright laws.

The chips, used to operate computers, control car engines, and activate hundreds of other electronic products, take years to develop at a cost estimated at more than $100m (£82m).

In recent years, as the international technology race has intensified, the rate of chip piracy has escalated, resulting in complex international legal suits and seizures of shipments by customs authorities.

The American semiconductor industry, which is in fierce competition with Japanese rivals, petitioned congress for the protection on grounds that present copyright and patent laws did not sufficiently protect their technology in the rapidly changing chip market.

Recently, tensions have heightened as Japanese companies have tried to enter the market for complex "logic chips", such as microprocessors where American companies have an edge. The Itel Corporation last year accused a large Japanese manufacturer of stealing one of its microprocessor designs but settled the claim out of court.

Last week, a federal prosecutor in California brought the first criminal charges for copyright infringements against two importers accused of attempting to sell fake Apple computers in the American market.

Legal authorities said, however, that in the absence of a new Federal law extending copyright protection to chips, it was doubtful that the charges would stand. In addition, they said other nations would have to adopt similar laws.

A house committee report which accompanied the Bill said: "We are aware that the United States is taking a first step towards colaborating a system of protection which has international implications."

The new law would extend protection to designs called masks which are patterns of wires and switches etched on silicon wafers about the size of a fingernail.

A chip pirate can photograph these designs and duplicate the mask at a cost estimated at less than $50,000. The House Bill would protect these designs for up to 10 years because of the fast-moving nature of the computer design industry.

Worry on trade curbs

Congressional officials have completed lengthy negotiations on a compromise trade Bill. It contains wine and footwear provisions of concern to Europeans but avoids clearly protectionist measures which had threatened to ignite a new trade war.

The complex legislation invests the President with broad authority to enforce export restraint agreements of the kind he offered the domestic steel industry last month. It also gives him new power to negotiate reductions in trade barriers

European officials said it was unclear whether the wine and footwear provisions were benign or harmful as much would depend on the Administration's post-election trade enforcement stance.

The legislation tightens American trade relief laws which allow domestic companies to seek protection from imports made with subsidized parts or materials. This provision also raised strong concerns among European officials who said much would depend on the Administrations definition of subsidies.

European officials were relieved, however, that House and Senate officials were forced to abandon their efforts to pass a bill controlling exports of strategic goods and technology to Soviet block countries.

Telecom stock cuts hit suppliers

By Jeremy Warner

Suppliers of telex equipment to British Telecom are being hit by a stock reduction programme introduced by the soon-to-be privatized corporation.

Two suppliers, Trend Communications (part of the quoted Phicom group) and Standard Telephones and Cables, are being particularly affected.

However, BT denied the cutbacks in telex equipment were part of a wider programme of stock reduction ahead of next month's £3 billion stock market flotation.

Sir George Jefferson, the chairman of BT, has introduced a general programme of improved efficiency. A BT spokesman said: "There have been increased pressures on our managers to reduce stock levels. Some managers may have been more vigilant than others."



Sir George: aiming for improved efficiency

But he stressed there would be no general programme of order rescheduling among suppliers. He also said there were special factors involved in the telex stock reductions, including the fact that certain products were becoming obsolete and that BT now faces stiff competition because of liberalization of the law governing the supply of telecommunications equipment.

Standard Telephones and Cables recently announced 450 redundancies at its telecommunications factory at Brighton, Sussex, because of what it saw as a long-term fall in demand for teleprinters.

Employees were told at the time that the workload projected for 1985 was not sufficient to maintain the factory's workforce of 900.

The company said yesterday the BT stock reductions were not a factor in its decision.

Phicom hinted at the stock reduction programme in a recent profits statement when Mr Anthony Franks, the chairman, said that despite the successful launch of an enhanced model of the Puma telex machine, the "phasing of deliveries" to customerfs had this year favoured the results of the group's first half.

New offices for Arthur Guinness

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Arthur Guinness & Sons, the brewer, is moving its West End headquarters from 10 Albemarle Street to 39 Portman Square. The company is taking 16,255 sq ft space at Portman Square where it formerly occupied 9,300 sq ft.

The 39 Portman Square office was bought by an investment consortium and extensively refurbished with finance provided by the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Guinness is believed to be paying £18 a sq ft for the space on the second, third and fourth floors. The joint letting agents for Portman Square were Knight Frank & Rutley and Bailey, Posner & Partners.

Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks acted for Guinness and is the joint agent with Henry Butcher on the disposal of 10 Albemarle Street.

● J Sainsbury is planning a £20m SavaCentre store at Merton, south London, as part of a £70m package to transform a derelict site into a store, a 200,000 sq ft office building, a leisure centre and housing accommodation.

SavaCentre, the joint Sainsbury and British Homes Stores hypermarket operator, is talking to institutions over developing the office block on the 25-acre site and to an operator for the leisure centre.

SavaCentre now owns almost the whole of the site but intends keeping control over the developments which may eventually take shape there. The whole scheme has yet to get planning permission.

The Merton development, if it gets planning permission, will be the largest SavaCentre project and the first in London. SavaCentre is waiting for the outcome of an appeal of its plans for a store in Watford, Hertfordshire, and is keen to get a foothold in the London area.

● Tesco, the supermarket operator, is negotiating with the GRA Group to buy the dog racing tracks at Harringay Stadium, north London, and Slough, Berkshire, for superstore development.

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US strength hits gold

Gold fell $3 to close at $337.75 an ounce on the London bullion market, yesterday due to the relentless strength of the dollar and continuing high US interest rates.

Chartists, who hoped recently that, if gold could break through a resistance level at $356, it could reach $375 or $400, now feel the direction is likely to continue downwards.

The strength of the US economy, the likelihood of President Reagan winning a second term of office and the yawning US budget deficit, all add up to continuing the dollar's strength and show little respite for gold.

The metal peaked at $405.75 in March this year, but has since steadily drifted down.

The dollar was firm against most currencies. Sterling opened 50 points lower and closed at $1.2300, against Tuesday's close of $1.2290.

The dollar touched 3.1025 against the Deutschmark, but came back to close at DM 3.0980, compared with the previous close of DM 3.0855. It rose to 2.5480 against the Swiss franc compared with SwF 2.5380, and gained against the yen at 247.85 against 247.20.

Sterling also firmed against the Continentals to close at 3.7960, aginst the Deutschmark compared with DM 3.7860. The trade-weighted index was unchanged at 76.3.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1136.5 down 0 1 (high: 1138.9; low: 1133.6)
FT Index: 866.8 up 0.6
FT Gilts: 80.70 down 0.06
FT All Share: 534.95 down 0.49
Bargains: 18,884
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 103.39 up 0.84
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average (latest): 1,167.28 down 7.84
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index Closed
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 983.13 up 0.75
Amsterdam: 177.6 up 0.6
Sydney: AO Index 742.3 down 0.3
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1,066.5 down 2.5
Brussels: General Index 161.98 down 0.15
Paris: CAC Index 182.0 up 0.3

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 76.3 unchanged (range 76.3 76.1)
$1.2300 up 10pts
DM 3.8000 up 0.50
FrF 11.6700 up 0.0475
Yen 304.75 up 0.50

Dollar
Index 142.9 up 0.5
DM 3.0970 up 0.0015

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.2335
Dollar DM 3.0425

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.590423
SDR £0.805944

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10½
Finance houses base rate 11
Discount market loans week fixed 10½ - 10⅜
3 month interbank 10 11/16 - 10 9/16

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11 3/16 - 11 1/16
3 month DM 5 15/16 - 5 13/16
3 month FrF 11½ - 11⅜

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.75 - 12.50
Fed funds 9¾
Treasury long bond 102 19/32 - 102 23/32

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 5 to October 2, 1984, inclusive: 10.904 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $337.75 pm $337.75
close $337.25 - 338.00 (£275.50 - 276.00)
New York (latest): $338.70
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$348.00 - 349.50 (£284.00 - 285.00)
Sovereigns* (new):
$80.00 - 81.00 (£65.50 - 66.25)
*Excludes VAT

Hongkong Land to expand in China

By Jonathan Clare

The Hongkong Land Company, one of the world's biggest property groups, expects to move into mainland China to manage and possibly develop office properties on behalf of the Communist government there.

"There is a definite opportunity for property development in China but we are not yet at the stage of negotiating." Mr David Davies, Hongkong Land's operating officer, said.

Western companies operating in China currently have to take a suite in an hotel because until now there has been no such thing as an office building.

Mr Davies said that the Chinese were about to complete the first office block in Beijing which would offer western companies a total of 600,000 sq ft of space. The rent will be around HK$40 (£4.10) per sq ft a month, about double that of similar buildings in Hongkong, thus stimulating the interest of Hongkong property developers.

Mr Davies remarked: "Little Hongkong is seen as a fantastic success story. China is saving 'Let's pinch a few of their ideas'".

The Beijing building would be managed by the Chinese but plans for an office building in Shanghai as a joint venture between mainland and Hongkong interests were also at an advanced stage. Apart from management contracts, Mr Davies believes the Chinese will also be prepared to offer leases to developers.

Leases of 35 years are already available for some developments in the special economic zone just across the border from Hongkong, though the period is too short to attract property developers.

Mr Davies said that there were substantial opportunities for Hongkong Land's Dairy Farm subsidiary food and retail business to expand into mainland China. Retailing was underdeveloped in China. Mr Davies believed commercial opportunities were a long way off but he thought Dairy Farm could export its industrial expertise.

Crocker HQ sold off for $358m

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Midland Bank's Californian subsidiary Crocker National Corporation is raising $358m (£293m) cash from the sale of its San Francisco headquarters.

The purchaser is Prudential Insurance Company of America and the deal is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Crocker will remain a tenant in the building, called the Crocker Center.

The deal will come as a relief to both Crocker and its parent. Crocker's balance sheet has been under strain as a result of the heavy losses incurred in the first half of this year.

The sale gives Crocker an after-tax profit of $185m over book value. Of this $85m will be offset by restructuring of the balance sheet. The rest of the book profit will be written off over the terms of Crocker's 15 year lease.

Midland Bank's shares closed up 2p yesterday at 354p. Midland owns 57 per cent of Crocker but has put together $207m for the minority.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Tarmac kills bid talk by selling Blockleys stake

Tarmac is placing with institutional investors its entire 17.45 per cent share stake in Blockleys, the Telford brick maker. The placing puts an end to persistent suggestions that the shareholding would be used as a platform for a full bid.

At the same time, Blockleys is raising £1m after expenses by placing a further 215,000 shares at 500p each to help with the £5.6m cost of a new simulated handmade brick works it is building at Telford. The rest of the money for the project is being borrowed from Lloyds Bank and Investors in Industry. Shareholders will be given the opportunity to participate in the share placing. They will be entitled to subscribe for the same number of shares they would have had in the issue had been by way of a one-for-seven rights issue.

● MR RASCHID ABDULLAH and Mr Osman Abdullah have turned Evered Holdings round from heavy losses to substantial profits in less than four years. Yesterday, the engineering group turned in a half-time profit of £1.1m against £352,000 and is paying its first interim dividend of 0.7p for five years years. Turnover increased from £5.6m to £23.

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● TIME PRODUCTS, the watch and clock distributor, announced half-year profits up from £31,000 to £75,000 on sales £2.3m lower at £19.7m. Interim dividend 0.25p (nil). Earnings per share 0.15p (0.06p). Tempus, page 23

● HIGGS AND HILL, the construction and property group, has increased pretax profits for the half year to June 30 to £3.2m, up from £2.8m. Turnover increased from £81m to £92m. The interim dividend of 4.5p compares to 4p last time. Tempus, page 23

● ELBAR INDUSTRIAL: Half year to June 30. No interim dividend (nil). Figures in £000. Turnover 39,215 (36,324). Pretax loss 326 (178). Most of the divestment programme has been completed. While it is not expected that the most important beneficial effects will be felt this year, the disposing of loss-making subsidiaries is expected to produce improving results in future.

● HOUSE OF LEROSE: Half year to June 30. Interim dividend 3p (same). Figures in £000. Turnover 9,548 (9,271). Pretax profit 225 (561). The profit for the half year has been reduced compared with the previous year by a number of adverse factors which will affect the year as a whole.

● SAFEGUARD INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS: 10 months to July 31, compared with previous year. Final dividend 3.3p (4.1p on old capital) making 5.8p (6.6p on old capital). Figures in £000. Gross income 1,164 (1,173). Pretax revenue 1,018 (1,047). The directors are proposing that the company's name be changed to Close Brothers Group.

● NEIL AND SPENCER HOLDINGS has bought Arista for about £432,700. Arista operates from freehold premises in Lyons, France, where it has 48 employees. It manufacturers laundry equipment.

Head office moves to waterfront

The Hongkong Land Company is to move its headquarters to four floors of Exchange Square, the prestige HK$8,200m (£850m) office block it is developing on the last waterfront site in the colony's Central district.

Mr David Davies, Hongkong Land's chief operating officer, confirmed yesterday that the company was moving out of its 60,000 sq ft premises at Alexander House in Hongkong to move into a slightly smaller suite of 50,000 sq ft in the twin-tower complex.

The Exchange Square site is one of the most expensive in Asia and the degree of success the company has in letting the development to banks and multinational companies will be taken as a bench mark of international confidence

The new unified Hongkong Stock Exchange is also negotiating to buy space in the Exchange Square complex from the government rather than lease it as originally planned. Hongkong Land was sold the site by the Government as part of a deal which included building a new stock exchange trading hall.

Pressure grows to cancel £20bn Norwegian gas deal

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The controversial deal under which British Gas plans to buy £20 billion worth of natural gas from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea is being increasingly questioned by oil industry analysts. Its cancellation could lead to up to 600 reducndancies on Teeside, where unemployment is already running at 25 per cent.

Meetings between Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Energy minister, and his Norwegian opposite number, Mr Kaare Kristiansen, have failed to resolve whether liquids in the Norwegian Sleipner field should be brought to Britain by a Norwegian or a British pipeline.

Treasury opposition to the deal is still strong because of the effect it would have on the balance of payments from 1992 onwards when deliveries start.

Oil industry analysts also point out that the softening of natural gas prices and oil industry predictions revising upwards the amount of gas available in the 1990s from the British sector of the North Sea make the deal less economically viable and less necessary.



Alick Buchanan-Smith: snags over North Sea pipeline

British Gas says that it needs the gas in the 1990s to meet its statutory obligation to ensure supplies for its domestic and industrial consumers.

However, the oil industry says that British Gas has not taken into account the technological breakthroughs now being made which will mean that gas can be economically produced from several existing North Sea fields which were though to be too expensive to exploit.

The Norwegians have give a warning that cancellation of the contract would mean that the pipeline operated by Norwegian interests from the existing Ekofisk field in the Norwegian sector to Teeside would have to close, with 600 jobs being lost.

British Gas would bring gas from the Sleipner field ashore at St Fergas, nother of Aberdeen, but the gas liquids which would be sod by the oil companies involved in the field development, would be piped to Ekofisk and then to Teeside.

The Ekofisk-Teeside line is Norwegian property and the Teeside terminal in technically classed as Norwegian territory for tax purposes. The British Government would receive no taxation revenue from the project, estimated to be worth £200m.

The Department of Energy would prefer the liquids to be brought ashore at Flotta, in the Orkneys, with the revenue going to the Treasury.

WALL STREET

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

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MONEY MARKETS

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OTHER £ RATES

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

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EURO-$ DEPOSITS

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● FOGARTY: Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 1.6p (1.6p) on increased capital. Figures in £000. Sales 14,067 (15,446). Pretax loss 124 (profit 616). The board reports that the group will show a profit for 1984, the extent of which will depend on the all-important final quarter. The level of final dividend will be determined by the extent of the profit recovery in 1984 and the prospects for 1985.

● FOSECO–MINSEP has reached agreement in principle to acquire Gibson-Homans of the US, the common stock of which is quoted on the Nasdaq system. The acquisition will be effected by means of a merger agreement and is unanimously recommended by the board of Gibson-Homans. The terms are $17.50 cash per share of common stock. The proposed acquisition values GH at about $46.6m (£37.4m).

● LONDON AND STRATHCLYDE TRUST: Year to Aug 31. Final 1.5p making 2.35p (same). Figures in £000. Gross revenue 1,175 (888). EPS 2.64p (2.63p). Net asset value per ordinary share 162.2p (151.3p) after deducting prior charges.

● SANDERSON MURRAY AND ELDER (HOLDINGS): Year to June 30. Dividend 3p (2p). Figures in £000. Turnover 5,584 (4,772). Pretax profit 107 (20), after depreciation 70 (70) and bank interest payable 10 (33), but including investment income 46 (46) and bank interest receivable 3 (11). Tax 25 (17). Minorities 0.9 (0.9). Extraordinary items, credit, 58 (debit, 40). EPS 4.3p (0.1p).

● A. J. WORTHINGTON: NO dividend (nil) for the year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £2,165,259 (£2,505,200). Loss before tax £257,836 (£253,844). Tax nil (credit £2,790). Extraordinary debit £140,000 (£65,668). Loss per share 12.89p (12.55p). The extraordinary item relates to net closure costs of a subsidiary. Shares unchanged at 27p.

● ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH INVESTORS: For six months to July 31. (Figures in £000.) Gross revenue 1,159 (1,104). Management expenses 191 (132). Bank and loan interest 180 (284). Net revenue before tax 788 (689). Tax 264 (255). Basic earnings per ordinary share 0.635p (0.525 adjusted). Net asset value 71.8p (78.9p adjusted at January 31). Interim 0.45p.

● CAMPARI INTERNATIONAL: Interim dividend 0.5p (same) six months to May 31, 1984 (Figures in £000). Group turnover 14,197 (12,803). Pretax profit 57 (53). Tax 31 (51). Earnings per share 0.3p (0.03p).

● ENGLISH PROPERTY CORP: Dividend 12.898p (nil) making 12.898p (7.57p). (Figures in £m). Group profit attributable 9.5 (3.7) after all charges but including tax credit 2.9 (debit 1.9). Basic earnings per share 9.3p (3.5p) and fully diluted 8p (3.5p).

● THE LILLESHALL CO: Half year to June 30. No interim (nil). (Figures in £000). Turnover 4,193 (4,137). Profit before tax 4 (3). Tax 2 (2). Extraordinary debit (net of tax) 521 (18 credit). Deficit for the period 519 (19 profit) prior year adjusted debit 37 (nil).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Reckitt presses ahead with Nicholas Kiwi bid

By Derek Pain

Reckitt & Colman, the household products group, is pressing ahead with its takeover bid for Nicholas Kiwi, the sprawling Australian group.

A letter explaining the group's position will be posted to shareholders [illegible] and shareholders will be asked to vote on the proposed deal towards the end of the month.

It is not clear whether Reckitt will attempt to top the counter offer from Consolidated Foods Corporation of Chicago. With little between the two bids it is likely that Reckitt will, in the initial exchanges at least, hold its offer at its present level.

Pentland Industries, the footwear group which has evolved into a small international conglomerate, could achive profits of £6m this year and £7m next year, Margetts & Addenbrooke, the broker, believes. Last year, the group produced £1.68m. The shares, up from 55p this year to 225p yesterday, are rated as a buy.

The British group, with interests ranging from mustard to wine, opened the present bidding round for Nicholas. Its offer was quickly topped by Consolidated and many observers concluded that Reckitt's would have to look for other targets to satisfy its takeover ambitions.

But Reckitt's offer, worth 311p, is only 7p below the rival Consolidated bid. And in some respects the British bid is more attractive.

Reckitt values the Australian group, taking in such names as Aspro, Rennies and Radox, at £228m.

The British group, which earlier raised £106m for overseas expansion, may feel inclined to approach direct the large family shareholdings which account for 40 per cent of Nicholas Kiwi's capital.

Yesterday Reckitt shares were 3p lower at 532p.

Earlier Castlemaine Tooheys, where Allied Lyons has a near 21 per cent shareholding, had bid unsuccessfully for Nicholas Kiwi.

Shares drifted uncertainly throughout the day although they managed to finish with a modest gain. The FT 30 share index was up just 0.6 points at 866.8 points and the FT-SE 100 share index finished only 0.1 points down at 1,136.5 points.

Takeover stocks once again provided much of the excitement. Renewed bid rumours lifted **Lucas Industries** 5p to 231p. **Rockwell Group**, the American company, remains favourite to bid. Lucas shares enjoyed an increase last month rising to 239p. Once again there was evidence of American buying interest.

DRG, the stationery group, was again being chased on takeover hopes. The shares continued their upward flight, hitting 178p at one time. They closed at 173p, up 15p.

Britannia Arrow was another to draw speculation attention climbing 4p to 77p.

Rothman's International, the tobacco group, fell 5p to 156 after Wood Mackenzie, the broker, downgraded its profit forecast from £175m to £168m.

Wood Mackenzie, and some other brokers, are worried about the intense competition Rothman's is facing in Germany.

Analyst Mr Peter Large said he sees "little speculative value in Rothman's following the share restructure earlier this year" and he is "doubtful about the stategic direction" of the group.

Mr Large prefers BAT Industries "where strong current trading is matched by a clear strategy".

He points out that the share ratings of BAT and Rothman are similar "for companies with markedly contrasting prospects both short and long term". The Large profits prediction for BAT is £1,200m.

Government stocks opened on a bright note with advances of up to £¼. But at the close most had been lost.

Oils were dull but once again **Atlantic Resources** had an active session. The shares raced ahead 14p to 124p on continuing talk that the company has at last made the find which has been so often rumoured.

Hawker Siddeley continued to progress ahead of next week's figures, up 4p to 451p, but **De La Rue** lost 15p to 705p after their recent run-up.

The ending of the protracted battle for **Brooke Bond** left speculators scurrying for the next food takeover victim. **Rowntree Mackintosh**, accompanied by vague talk of a pending dawn raid, jumped 14p to 340p: **Unigate** was 5p stronger at 136p and **Tate and Lyle**, which started the Brooke Bond saga, rose 7p to 395p.

Hampton Trust said its 12.9 per cent stake in Dares Estates for £1.33m a transaction which will net it £240,000 which will be used to reduce borrowings. Dares Estates' chairman and managing director have bought 4.5 million of the 4.92 million shares sold by Hampton Trust at 27.1p per share and now own 29.9 per cent at the company between them. Dares rose 3p to 23p.

Ryan Hotels, where Mr Nazmu Virani has 23.2 per cent of the votes, was unchanged at 14½p. The company is heading for a "substantial" profits increase this year. **Ryan International** edged forward to 20p following a major shareholding changing hands.

American lagers could be the next wave in Britain's beer revolution. Allied-Lyons, up 1p at 157p, is preparing lunch Schlitz US lager, after Budweiser launch this year by Grand Metropolitan. Both groups already have Continental and Australian lagers for sale.

Chubb, the security group still confronted with an unwanted but likely to be successful bid from Racal Electronics eased 1p to 276p.

Equity turnover on Wednesday was valued at £259.512m from 16,609 deals. Gilts bargains were 3,104. Total number of UK and Irish stocks traded was 141.4 million.

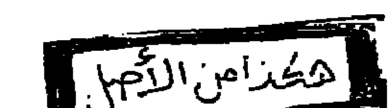
RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	144
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	113-3
Applied Holographics 5p Ord (180a)	160
Berkeley Group 25p Ord (85a)	126
Blue Arrow 25p Ord (75a)	95-1
Britannia Security 10p Ord (62.5a)	80
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	205
Bush Radio 10p Ord (88a)	73-1
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	250
Clogau Gold 10p Ord (30a)	27
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	87+2
Compsoft Hldgs 5p Ord (*a)	132
DDT Group 5p Ord (135a)	196
Entertainment Prod 5p Ord (58a)	52
Extract Wool 50p Ord (105a)	147+2
Fergebrook Grp 20p Ord (74a)	103-1
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	53
Hoggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	46
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	145
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	194
Mayfair & City Prop 25p Ord (100a)	119
Pacific Sales Org 10p Ord (60a)	43
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	31
President Entertain 10p Ord (10½a)	15¾
Telecomputing 10p Ord (a)	283
Tonsley (Eliza) Grp 5p Ord (55a)	60
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	77-1

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

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TEMPUS

Higgs and Hill, smiling through

The British construction industry has been having a tough time recently. Work has been scarce and margins have remained perilously thin. Despite these difficulties, Higgs and Hill has managed to pull through almost unscathed and, by the company's conservative standards, yesterday's interim statement was quite positive.

The company has secured sufficient work for this year and has a much improved order book for next. Margins are still under pressure but Higgs and Hill has not made the mistake of chasing turnover at the expense of profit.

This policy contributed to the increase in pretax profits in the first half from £2.8m to £3.2m. The performance was also helped by solid results from the house building company. The decision to move into this area is now paying dividends.

Higgs and Hill is not a volume housebuilder. Its average price is about £60,000, which reduces its exposure to the problems in the sector. Its efforts are also concentrated in the South of England which has proved to be recession-resistant.

With the property division also showing signs of life, the prospects for the group remain encouraging. Profits of more than £7m are in sight in the full year and with the share price unchanged yesterday at 273p, the rating is, if anything, on the low side. A strong balance sheet linked with both profits and dividends growth make Higgs and Hill a firm hold and might also attract buyers who prepared to risk the problems of the sector.

Evered Holdings

Mr Raschid Abdullah, who claims indirect descent from the prophet Muhammad, has fulfilled predictions that he and Mr Osman Abdullah would succeed in turning Evered from a sleepy West Midlands metal basher into a rapidly-expanding engineering conglomerate.

When the Abdullahs moved into Evered three-and-a-half years ago, it was heavily in the red. Yesterday it turned in trebled half--time profits of £1.1m and is paying the first real dividend for five years.

Growth should continue just as fast in the second half and by the middle of next year Evered expects to have realized well over £2m from what are delicately called the "surplus assets" of Brockhouse. Brockhouse was acquired last April in competition against Mr Swraj Paul's Caparo Industries.

Seven of the Brockhouse businesses have been closed or sold, raising £750,0000 while decentralization has cut head office costs by about £1m to £700,000. Brockhouse is now profitable for the first time in three years.

The Abdullahs also have high hopes of Hawkins and Tipson, the ropemaker acquired a year ago, particularly for its high technology Kevlar-based ropes which have a lot of North Sea exploration potential.

Where next? Evered did look at Francis Industries which ultimately fell to Suter.

Less than 50 per cent of sales are now generated in the West Midlands and the next acquisition is likely to be more of a precious engineer than an old-fashioned heavy metal basher.

Time Products

The patient is up walking about, but convalescence will take time. That was yesterday's message for shareholders in Time Products, the watch and clock distributor.

In the first half year, Hongkong trading profits halved to little over £1m, and finance costs wiped out all but £197,000 of that. Conversely, trading losses in Britain were halved to £233,000 and financial income reduced that to £122,000. The result is a net profit of £75,000, compared with a severely depressed £31,000 at this time last year and £2.6m for the year as a whole.

As ever, this year's outturn is heavily dependent on Christmas trade, which accounts for a third of turnover. Meanwhile, a token 0.25p interim dividend is being paid, with the possibility of a slightly more substantial final. Next month, the board is being bolstered with two strong non-executives, including Mr Richard Lagdon as chairman. The shares at 27p may just be at floor level.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber, in £'s per tonne; coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Nov	595-90
Dec	600-83
Jan	635-10
Feb	645-20
Mar	631-30
Apr	660-20
May	665-30
Jun	675-35
Jul	684-45
Jan/Mar	645-15
Apr/Jun	670-35
Jul/Sep	700-65
SUGAR	
Nov	2378-2375
Jan	2302-2299
Mar	2228-2225
May	2210-2207
Jul	2199-2196
Sep	2190-2188
Nov	2177-2175
Vol:	3164
COCOA	
Oct	2060-51
Dec	1915-13
Mar	1885-83
May	1887-85
July	1888-87
Sep	1890-89
Dec	1870-69
Mar	1900-40
Vol:	3.516
COFFEE	
Nov	2378-2376
Jan	2302-2299
Mar	2228-2225
May	2210-2287
Jul	2199-2196
Sep	2190-2189
Nov	2177-2175
Vol:	3.164
GAS OIL	
Oct	239.00-38.75
Nov	242.75-42.50
Dec	246.00-45.75
Jan	246.00-45.75
Feb	242.00-41.75
Mar	239.00-36.00
Apr	236.00-35.25

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1021.50-1022.50
Three months	1045.50-1046.00
T/O	5.450
Tone: Steady	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1026.00-1028.00
Three months	1044.00-1046.00
T/O	100
Tone: Quiet.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9660-9670
Three months	9651-9620
T/O:	435
Tone: Steadier.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9700-9710
Three months	9641-9642
T/O:	35
Tone: Steadier	
LEAD	
Cash	332.00-333.00
Three months	337.00-337.50
T/O:	2.300
Tone: Firmer.	
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	604.50-605.50
Three months	605.00-603.50
T/O:	3.500
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	677.00-687.00
Three months	650.00-652.00
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	580.0-581.0
Three months	595.0-596.0
T/O:	47
Tone: Steady Quiet.	
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	580.0-581.0
Three months	595.0-596.0
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	795.00-796.00
Three months	818.50-819.00
T/O:	8.500
Tone: Steady	
NICKEL	
Cash	3838-3845
Three months	3920-3925
T/O:	1.158
Tone: Steady	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US$ per oz.

Dec	343.00-42.90
Vol	123

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Settmt
YEN		
Dec'84	2	4067
Mar'85	-	-
Jun'85	-	-
Comment: Stable.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	17	1.2282
Mar'85	-	1.2290
Jun'85	-	1.2334
Comment: Steady		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	87	3258
Mar'85	-	3298
Jun'85	-	
Comment: Under pressure.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec'84	-	3962
Mar'85		-
Jun'85		-
Comment: Mixed.		
EURODOLLARS (Contract repriced Oct 4)		
Dec'84	3895	8873
Mar'85	867	8841
Jun'85	170	8811
Sep'85	58	8782
Dec'85		8754
Comment: Firm.		
SHORT STERLING (Contract repriced Oct 4)		
Dec'84	1049	8984
Mar'85	120	8983
Jun'85	5	8989
Sep'85	-	8943
Dec'85	-	-
Comment: Slightly stronger		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	1686	6723
Mar'85	-	6705
Jun'85	-	
Comment: Weaker		
GILTS		
Dec'84	3927	10614
Mar'85	2	10601
Jun'85	-	10523
Sep'85	-	10823
Comment: Volatile.		
FTSE		
Dec'84	175	11308
Mar'84	-	11385
Jun'85		
Comment: Steady.		

● GOPENG BERHAD: Result for the year to June 30, 1984. First interim M$0.1. (Figures in M$000.) Turnover 37,370 (37,389). Pretax profit 12,000 (10,847). Tax 6,500 (5,921), minorities 530 (259). Extraordinary debit 150 (983) – restructuring expenses. Shares 200 up 5.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings †	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%; £50,000 and over, 8½%.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Investors 'need better research'

By Judith Huntley

The property world is sadly lacking in the kind of research and performance measures so readily available to investors in, say, stocks and shares. And the research which is available is limited and sketchy.

There is no denying that property research has improved by leaps and bounds in the last decade but it still has not reached the level of sophistication which is taken for granted by investors in other areas.

The research reports put out some of the leading names in chartered surveying came under attack from Mr Michael Baker, of Baker, Harris Saunders, last week when he described them as "glossy public relations exercises".

Mr Baker, who was speaking at the annual conference of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, questioned why research into the activities and performance of property companies is done by stockbrokers and not by chartered surveyors.

The stockbrokers have had well established and large research departments for some time with the sector analysts among the best paid staff. But the emergence of research departments in firms of chartered surveyors is relatively new and if profits margins are squeezed, questions are soon asked about their necessity.

Mr Baker argues that it is about time investment managers of the large pension funds have the confidence to take on board detailed research from firms of surveyors linked with stockbrokers. At the moment, only Liang & Cruickshank with St Quintin produces a joint report on the property market.

In the past, institutional clients have taken the advice of their chartered surveyors on where and when to invest but, Mr Baker says, they are beginning to question basic investment criteria.

The view was echoed by Mr Hugh Jenkins, director general of superannuation investment for the National Coal Board *Pension Fund, when he* addressed the RICS conference.

He believes that the research work now being done by leading firms should be expanded and says the profession has a long way to go before chartered surveyors are taken seriously in terms of making strategic investment decisions.

Mr Jenkins agrees that great progress has been made in the king of one-off and periodical property research now available compared with the dearth of such information in the property crash days of 1973/4.

He said that at that time there was a lack of adequate data in just about every field of property on which to base judgments on investments. There were repeated pleas for the profession to originate and publish such research. The large financial institutions had the resources to set up research department but only could hope to deal with only a limited amount of material.

Mr Jenkins questioned whether the available research is being used by chartered surveyors, and he singled out the apparent lack of discrimination in the yields being paid for High Street shops.

Property investment and development should be subject to intensive market research like any other product, Mr Jenkins argued.

One of the most sensitive areas for research is the development of performance measures.

While it is true the concept of measuring total return on insitutional portfolios came in around 1975, it is still not possible to compare the per*formance of one fund* against another.

There is no common basis for obtaining such information, and indeed the pension funds and imsurance companies remain remarkably coy about their property transactions, let alone the performance of their fund managers.

But the indications are that more of those with property assets will be prepared to commission specific research, for which they will have to pay a high price, to better evaluate use of assets and the performance of individual investments.

But there is also a belief that the professions themselves will have to bear more of the costs of research. The large firms already carry this burden but in the hope that it will lead to an increase in market share, or at least maintain the status quo.

Once the predicted boom in financial "supermarkets" happens, chartered surveyors may find themselves under growing pressure to come up with the kind of research methods used in other investment markets.

More and more chartered surveyors could find themselves lured to these new conglomerates or firms could well move closer to the brokers' analysts as their clients demand a comprehensive service.

But the indications are already there that the specialist firm has an important part to play in property development and investment.

When the letting market is difficult, developers and funds are demanding keener service from the chartered surveyor

The message must be for better research, bette advice and better service. It was certainly the message that came over loud and clear from the profession itself at the annual conference.

Australia lures British developers

The prospect of real growth in the Australian property market over the next two years is spurring British developers on and the signs are that their investment portfolios are growing through development refurbishment.

Capital & Counties could double its investment portfolio in a £100m programme. Hammerson, the company with the largest exposure in the Australian market, is expected to start on its 300,000 sq ft office development in Brisbane soon and Slough Estates is planning a 640,000 sq ft further phase at its Silverwater industrial estate, near Sydney.

This is despite the efforts of the Foreign Investment Review Board to deter foreign developers.

The bullish view of the Australian property market comes from Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker.

Phillips & Drew is recommending investors to be overweight in both Hammerson and MEPC.

The broker predicts that there will be a Hammerson quotation in Australia after the completion of the purchase in 1983 of the minority interests held by Hammerson's second largest shareholder, the Australian Mutual Provident Society.

Phillips & Drew sees good rental growth prospects in MEPC's office portfolio an in future developments through ASC Trust.

FOOTBALL: A BUSY DAY ON THE MOVE FOR ENGLAND PLAYERS PAST AND PRESENT, HOME AND ABROAD

Realistic Regis welcomed with challenge at Coventry

Cyrille Regis, the England international forward, has joined Coventry City from West Bromwich Albion for a fee of around £300,000.

Regis, aged 26, spent part of yesterday at Coventry, having a medical and discussing personal terms with the Coventry manager, Bobby Gould, before signing a three-year contract. He makes his debut in Saturday's home game against Newcastle United.

Gould said after signing Regis: "It's a bold and courageous move by the club. The player should be feared and respected by every defender in the country.

"I would have loved to have played alongside him during my playing career. He is a tremendous signing, but we must make sure that he gets the service he needs on the pitch, and that he can get back the fire in his belly which he had when he first went into the Albion team to take the first division by storm."

Regis said: "I really have been determined to be realistic about the financial state of football today. I am well aware that there is not now the money in the game as there was a few years ago, particularly at a club like Coventry City."

Meanwhile, Albion have put their winger, Tony Morley, on the transfer list at his own request. The England winger, signed from Aston Villa for £75,000 last December, was upset at being dropped for last Saturday's game at Liverpool and last night's Milk Cup game with Wigan.

The Albion manager, Johnny Giles, said: "Tony feels it would be in his best interest to leave and we have agreed." Morley said: "Things have not worked out as I would have liked and my form has been in and out with Albion."

With Morley's former Villa colleague, Ken McNaught, recently asking for a move and Regis going to Coventry, it means an upheaval at Albion.

Giles's first move into the transfer market will be to try and complete the signing of Carl Valentine, a forward from Vancouver Whitecaps, in the next few days.

Whitecaps have already parted with Colin Todd, the former England defender, who has joined Luton Town. Todd said yesterday: "I am 35 but I am still fit and enjoying my football, and I would like to play in the first division again."

However, he has little hope of playing against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday because Luton are still waiting for his international clearance certificate. Luton is Todd's seventh League club.

Someone else who has returned from across the Atlantic is the former England forward, David Johnson, who has signed for Preston North End.

Johnson, aged 32, who has played for Ipswich, Liverpool and Everton, is a free agent and has agreed terms with the third division club after playing in the United States with the Tulsa Roughnecks.

Making room for Johnson is the former Crystal Palace centre-forward, Paul Wilkins. He has scored four goals in five games since joining Preston in the summer, but has found it difficult to settle in the north, and his one-year contract has been terminated by mutual consent.

Mervyn Day, the former West Ham United and Orient goalkeeper, has agreed a new contract with Aston Villa, just a week after asking for a transfer. An improved pay deal will keep him at Villa Park until July 1986.

● Tony McAndrew, the Middlesborough captain, is doubtful for the match at Sheffield United on Saturday. McAndrew limped off with a hamstring injury in the Central League game against Doncaster reserves on Tuesday evening.





Swansong: Morley (left) hopes to follow Regis (right) away from West Bromwich

Lower orders seize their big chance

David Kelly and Alan Birch played decisive roles as Walsall and Rotherham United, of the third division, knocked first division opponents out of the Milk Cup in second-round, second-leg matches on Tuesday night.

Kelly scored twice and Richard O'Kelly was also on target as Walsall surprised Coventry City with three goals in the second half to gain a 4-2 aggregate win. Birch claimed the credit for Rotherham's 3-2 Aggregate victory over Stoke City, although his shot in the 72nd minute was deflected into goal by a defender, Bould. Birch also missed a penalty but the 1-1 result on the night was enough to carry Rotherham on.

Banton scored twice for Aldershot as they beat Brighton, of the second division. Trailing 1-3 from the first leg, Aldershot drew level through goals from Foyle and Banton to force extra time. Then Banton's fierce shot three minutes from the end slipped through the hands of Brighton's goalkeeper, Moseley, to give the fourth division side a 4-3 aggregate win.

Aldershot have yet to win a home League match this season but their manager, Len Walker, said after his side's victory: "We proved we can play, we've got ability." Brighton's manager Chris Cattlin, said: "The best team won."

The Milk Cup holders, Liverpool, who have dominated the competition for four years, were given a scare at Anfield by their fourth divison opponents, Stockport County, before forcing victory in extra time. They were held to 0-0 after 90 minutes following the goalless draw in the first leg, but then Robinson and Whelan scored to give the homeside a flattering win.

Elliott, Luton Town's England under-21 defender, was taken to hospital after being injured in his side's 3-1 win over Orient. He hurt his jaw, mouth and nose in a collision with a team-mate, Thomas, and was carried off the pitch unconscious. But doctors said yesterday that an X-ray examination had shown no fractures.

Gale, West Ham's central defender, was another casualty on the night, being carried off with a suspected broken jaw during his team's 6-1 win over Bristol City at Upton Park. But X-ray examination revealed no bone damage and he is almost certain to start, Saturday's League game at Old Trafford.

Cardiff City beat Watford 1-0 at Ninian Park but lost 2-3 on aggregate. There were smoother passages into the third round draw for two other first division teams, Tottenham Hotspur, who beat Halifax Town 4-0 for a 9-1 aggregate victory, and Arsenal, whose 1-1 draw at Bristol Rovers gave them a 5-1 overall win.

McEwan missed a penalty in the 64th minute that cost Hull City the chance of ousting Southampton. The third division side drew 2-2 and went out 4-5 on aggregate.

Chelsea reached the third round with a 1-1 draw at Millwall to gain a 4-2 aggregate victory, but the match itself was tarnished by six bookings, four of them Chelsea players.

Wolverhampton Wanderers' second-leg game against Port Vale which they drew 0-0 to go through 2-1 on aggregate, came within 30 minutes of being played behind closed doors. A threatened strike by turnstile operators was headed off by club officials as queues began to build-up outside the ground.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Milk Cup
Second round, second leg

Home		Away	
ALDERSHOT	(0) 3	BRIGHTON	(0) 0
Foyle, Banton 2		4,675	
After extra-time: score at 90 mins 2-0. Aldershot win 4-3 on aggregate			
BARNSLEY	(0) 1	GRIMSBY	(0) 1
Campbell		Foley 5,578	
Grimsby win 4-1 on aggregate			
BLACKPOOL	(1) 1	MAN CITY	(1) 3
Britton		Smith, Tolmie 2 10,966	
Manchester City win 7-3 on aggregate			
BOLTON	(1) 2	SHREWSBURY	(0) 1
Thompson, Chandler		Williams 5,445	
Bolton win 4-3 on aggregate			
BRENTFORD	(0) 0	LEICESTER	(0) 2
6,231		Ramsey, Smith	
Leicester win 6-2 on aggregate			
BRISTOL R	(0) 1	ARSENAL	(1) 1
White		Caswley (og) 10,408	
Arsenal win 5-1 on aggregate			
BURNLEY	(0) 0	MAN UTD	(0) 3
12,684		Brazil 2, Olsen	
Manchester United win 7-0 on aggregate			
CARDIFF	(0) 1	WATFORD	(0) 0
Grant		4,807	
Watford win 3-2 on aggregate			
CARLISLE	(1) 1	FULHAM	(0) 2
Hill 2,880		Davies, Houghton	
Fulham win 4-1 on aggregate			
COVENTRY	(0) 0	WALSALL	(0) 3
9,214		Kelly 2, O'Kelly 1	
Walsall win 4-2 on aggregate			
HUDDERSFIELD	(1) 2	SHEFF WED	(1) 1
Jones, Lillis		Sterland 7,163	
Sheffield Wednesday win 4-2 on aggregate			
HULL	(1) 2	SOUTHAMPTON	(1) 2
Flounders, Whitehurst		Wallace, Moran 16,393	
Southampton win 5-4 on aggregate			
LIVERPOOL	(0) 2	STOCKPORT	(0) 0
Robinson, Whelan		13,422	
After extra-time: Liverpool win 2-0 on aggregate			
LUTON	(1) 3	ORIENT	(0) 1
Bunn, Stein, S Elliott		Silkman 3,374	
Luton win 7-2 on aggregate			
MILLWALL	(1) 1	CHELSEA	(1) 1
Lovell 11,157		Cusack (og)	
Chelsea win 4-2 on aggregate			
NOTTS CO	(0) 2	CHARLTON	(0) 0
O'Neill, Harkouk		3,453	
Notts County win 3-0 on aggregate			
PLYMOUTH	(0) 0	BIRMINGHAM	(1) 1
4,650		Clarke	
Birmingham win 5-1 on aggregate			
QP RANGERS	(3) 4	YORK	(1) 1
Bannister 2, Fereday, Micklewhite		Chippendale 7,544	
QPR win 6-3 on aggregate			
ROTHERHAM	(0) 1	STOKE	(1) 1
Bould (og)		Painter 6,886	
Rotherham win 3-2 on aggregate			
TOTTENHAM	(2) 4	HALIFAX	(0) 0
Hazard 2, Houghton, Crooks		14,802	
Tottenham win 9-1 on aggregate			
WEST HAM	(1) 6	BRISTOL C	(1) 1
Cottee 2, Goddard 2, Whitton, Walford		Walsh 11,376	
West Ham win 8-3 on aggregate			
WOLVES	(0) 0	PORT VALE	(0) 0
		5,964	
Wolves win 2-1 on aggregate			

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: semi-final, second leg: Meadowbank Thistle 1, Rangers 1 (Agg 1-5)

IRISH LEAGUE: Gold Cup: Final: Linfield 1, Glentoran 0

GOLA LEAGUE: Bath 3, Wealdstone 1; Barrow 6, Frickley 0; Runcorn 1, Gateshead 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton 0, Stafford 1; Matlock 3, Worksop 0; Morecambe 1, Marine 1; Rhyl 3, Horwich 0; South Liverpool 0, Bangor City 0; Southport 0, Chorley 1; Witton 2, Workington 1

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Andover 0, Waterlooville 3; AP Leamington 3, Moor Green 1; Ashford 3, Tonbridge 3; Bromsgrove 2, Redditch 1; Canterbury 0, Thanet 0; Chatham 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Coventry Sporting 2, Bedworth 3; Crawley 2, Basingstoke 0; Dorchester 2, Salisbury 3; Dudley 2, Bridgnorth 2; Erith and Belvedere 1, Chelmsford 4; Forest Green 2, Trowbridge 0; Gloucester 1, Cheltenham 0; Gosport 2, Fareham 2; Sheppey 0, Hastings United 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 2, Bradford City 1. Second division: Middlesbrough 0, Doncaster 2; Wigan 3, Scunthorpe 2.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Oxford United 1; QP Rangers 2, Luton 4; Swindon 0, West Ham 5.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: League Cup: First round: Cheshunt 1, Wokingham 3; Heybridge Swifts 1, Hitchin 3 (aet).

FA VASE: Preliminary round replay: Epping 2, Braintree 3 (aet).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Neath 19, South Glamorgan Institute 8, Northampton 34, Birmingham 13.

Fencing goes up in Bruges for Spurs

Tottenham Hotspur's fans will be fenced in for the UEFA Cup second round match with Bruges later this month. Peter Barnes, the Tottenham assistant secretary, had talks with Bruges officials yesterday on crowd control and learned that the Belgian club are spending around £5,000 on fences in an attempt to prevent possible trouble.

Bruges are dividing their ground into quarters with four new fences to keep rival fans apart. One fan was shot dead and more than 100 people arrested when Tottenham met Anderlecht in Brussels in May, and Bruges will be patrolled by security forces before and after the match. Tottenham were fined twice by UEFA last season over crowd incidents.

Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, is disturbed about possible repercussions if there is any repeat. "I am worried that UEFA will take a harsh view if there are any further problems. We take tremendous care of our preparations but you cannot legislate for supporters who travel independently," he said. Peter Day, the club secretary, will fly out today to reinforce the Tottenham team discussing anti-hooligan measures.

The Tottenham manager is planning a doubly productive weekend. On Friday night unchanged Tottenham face Liverpool, the champions, in a televised Canon League match at White Hart Lane – and 24 hours later Shreeves will be in Belgium watching Bruges.

"Not having a game on Saturday has worked out just right for me", Shreeves said. "I wanted to have a look at Bruges," but he added "At the moment it's all about Liverpool. It's a vital game, and one we have to win. Despite their recent results, Liverpool are the champions of Europe and capable of turning on a top-class performance."

Shreeves explained the surprise substitution of Steve Perryman, the captain, in the 4-0 Milk Cup win against Halifax, saying: "Steve will make his 600th league appearance on Friday and I wanted to make sure that he was fit."

Regarding the injured Clive Allen, Shreeves said: "Our match at Manchester United on Saturday week looks a reasonable target for him." Glen Hoddle and Osvaldo Ardilles, recovering from long-term injuries, were scheduled to face Halifax, but Shreeves pulled them out at the last moment. "They were a little bit sore after playing at the weekend and it will be another 10 days before they are ready for the first team."

Neither player is guaranteed an immediate return. "There's no way I am leaving out Mike Hazard the way he is playing at the moment. The other two are world-class players, but you have to look at it sensibly. Hazard is running games now, something I wasn't sure he could do."

The success of Liverpool and Tottenham in Europe last season has maintained the Football League's allocation of four clubs for the 1985-86 UEFA cup competitions over the last five years.

The points amassed by the clubs of each country, on the basis of two points for a win and one for a draw, are added together and divided by the number of clubs taking part in each competition to produce a "European League table." England are second in the table, behind West Germany.

Revie seeks success in the sun

Cairo (AFP) – Don Revie, the former Leeds United and England manager, leads his latest club, National, the Egyptian champions, against their rival Cairo club Arab Contractors in the semi-finals of the African Cup-winners Cup here tomorrow.

Arab Contactors are hoping to be the first team to win either of the African club competitions three times in a row. But National, coached by Revie, are showing the form which won them the African Champions' Cup in 1982, and they have home advantage in the first leg.

National have failed to win a big following despite two years of success, though they start this tie as favourites because of the recent poor form of their opponents.

National's 90,000 capacity stadium was besieged by thousands of football fans yesterday when tickets went on sale at between five and 25 Egyptian pounds (up to about £18).

Cameroun team Canon of Yaounde, entertain Al Ahly of Libya on Sunday in the first leg of the other semi-final.

Wales recall Hopkins in place of injured Jones

Jeff Hopkins was yesterday called up by Wales for next week's World Cup qualifying tie against Spain in Seville. Hopkins, the Fulham defender, was relegated to the standby squad after the disappointing defeat in Iceland but now replaces the injured Joey Jones.

Jones, the Chelsea full-back, who has been ordered to rest because of knee trouble for three weeks, has missed only one of the last 61 internationals. That was the World Cup qualifier against Czechosovakia in November 1980, when he was also injured. Hopkins also appeared in all 12 games since his Welsh debut against Ireland 17 months ago.

Mike England, the Wales manager, now waits on Ian Rush before completing his plans for Spain. Rush, the Liverpool forward, who has yet to play this season following a cartilage operation, is set for a run-out in the reserves today. Rush does not feel he has any chance of playing against Spain, but England refuses to rule him out at this stage.

Spain will include the forward Emilio Butragueno, aged 21, of Real Madrid in their 16-man squad. Miguel Munoz, the Spanish manager, said the team would be basically the one that lost 2-0 to France in the European Championship final last June.

The match, at Seville's Benito Villamarin Stadium, will be refereed by Eric Fredriksson, of Sweden.

SPAIN SQUAD: Goalkeepers: L Arconada (Real Sociedad), A Zubizarreta (Athletic Bilbao). Defenders: S Urquiaga (Athletico Bilbao), A Maceda (Sporting), A Goicoechea (Athletic Bilbao), J Camacho (Real Madrid), J Alberto (Barcelona), R Gordillo (Real Betis). Midfield: J Señor (Real Zaragoza), V Muñoz (Barcelona), F Lopez (Sevilla), R Fernandez (Valencia). Forwards: F Carrasco (Barcelona), E Butragueno (Real Madrid), M Sarabia (Athletic Bilbao), H Rincon (Real Betis).



Hopkins: faces Spain

● London (Reuter) – The Spanish league programme, disrupted by a players' strike earlier this season, has been upset again following a new dispute over the clubs' share of the national soccer pools revenue.

This weekend's fixtures, scheduled for Sunday, have been brought forward to Friday by the Spanish football federation – a move that has forced the state body which manages the pool to base this weekend's coupons on Italian league games.

Part-timers gallant in defeat

Rangers made a shame-faced entrance into their fourth successive Scottish League Cup final last night, as the gallant part-timers from Meadowbank Thistle were left to ponder over what might have been.

An eighty-fifth-minute goal by McCoist at Tynecastle was Rangers through 5-1 on aggregate to the Hampden Park showpiece. That four-goal margin over the two legs of the semi-final earned Rangers a £5,000 bonus from the sponsors, Skol, but in truth it was their lowly opponents who deserved the extra reward for their efforts.

Terry Christie, Meadowbank's despondent manager, admitted afterwards: "I'm broken-hearted. There was only one team in it and when we scored first I really felt that anything was possible. It was our great chance of glory. We deserved to beat them but we just did not defend well enough in those last few minutes, and were caught out."

As for Rangers, everything is going wrong for them. Dawson, their back, was ordered off in the thirty-first minute. Then the Ibrox side fell behind to a fifty-fifth minute goal from Gordon Smith before McCoist rescued them.

Jock Wallace the Rangers manager, who was witnessing his team's second successive flop at Tynecastle in three days, said: "The best that can be said is that we are in the final once again. But I'm afraid we are going through a very lean spell at the moment, and things are not working out."

Bribes claim is denied by African chief

Addis Ababa (Reuter) – Africa's leading football official today described as absurd and illogical Italian press allegations that Cameroun took a bribe to "fix" a game against Italy in the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain. Yednekatchew Tessema, chairman of the African Football Confederation, who watched the match, sadi it was absurd to suggest that Cameroun would have accepted a bribe of $100,000 when they stood to make millions of dollars had they won instead of drawn.

There may have been, he added, "temptation and even an attempt to corrupt individual Camerounian players by interested Italian parties who were scared of being beaten by the Camerounians." But there was no logic in alleging the Camerounian players would act against their own best interests.

NAIROBI: (AFP) – Kenya's champions Gor Mahia, have been banned from African Football Confederation matches for two years and six of their leading players suspended for a year, after the referee in a cup match between Gor Mahia and Zamalek, of Egypt, was attacked for awarding a penalty against the Kenyans.

Allison aims to work his way back with Willington

Malcolm Allison, banned from football by the International federation (FIFA) last week, will return to the game with the Northern League club, Willington, this weekend.

The controversial manager is understood to have paid the £250 fine imposed by the Football Association last April, following remarks he made to a referee during a match between Middlesbrough, the club he managed at the time, and Manchester City last February. His initial failure to pay the fine led to the FIFA suspension.

Allison, aged 56, had a spell as coach with Tampa Bay Rowdies in the United States this summer, but is still awaiting the settlement of a compensation claim against Middlesbrough.

He has agreed to look after the second division Northern League club from County Durham for expenses only, and hopes it will lead to a full-time job back in the Football League. His first match in charge will be on Saturday, against Hartlepool reserves.

The former Sunderland manager, Alan Durban, managed Willington earlier this season before taking charge of Cardiff City and transformed the struggling County Durham pit village side into a winning team.

RUGBY UNION

Students deliver a crushing blow in gathering gloom

By David Hands

Harlequins 13
Loughborough Univ........16

It is early days in the new term but already Loughborough University are displaying the qualities of organization and fitness which will serve them well. It was all too much for the Harlequins at the Stoop Memorial ground yesterday, the university winning by two goals and a try to a goal, try and a penalty goal.

Harlequins were missing halff their usual team in deference to county calls at the weekend, but they were not short of experience, particularly among the tight forwards. However, they were forced to reorganize their back row midway through the game which may have made a crucial difference. Weekes and Atkin went off injured, which brought on Green, a lock, and Thomas, the Harlequins' coach, who pulled rank and took his usual position of hooker, Rees moving to the flank.

Nevertheless, a win against the senior club is always to be cherished. Loughborough suffered the disappointment three weeks before term started of going out of the John Player cup, but at the weekend they scored 107 pts in a Leicestershire Cup game, so could be said to have run into some kind of form.

Loughborough are still without Burnhill, who toured South Africa with England in the summer. He had an operation for the removal of a cyst on the knee a month ago and does not expect to resume for another month. In his absence, Allen made a powerful substitute, having the strength to stay on his feet in the tackle and the speed, two minutes from time, to cap a glorious move from the Loughborough 22 and run-in the winning try from 45 metres.

Harlequins enjoyed an interval lead of 9-6 thanks to a try by Jefferson, playing his first senior game since his return from the United States. When Wall barged his way over from a tapped penalty Harlequins looked likely winners, but the students, fired by the splendid athleticism – and ball-winning ability – of their locks, worked Buchanan-Smith over on the right, leaving Allen to apply the coup de gras in the gathering gloom.

Scorers: Harlequins: Tries: Jefferson, Wall. Conversion: Thresher. Penalty: Thresher. Loughborough University: Tries: Robinson, Buchanan-Smith, Allen. Conversions: Howard 2.

HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; E Quist-Arcton, R Lawrence, T McCall, W Jefferson, R Cramb, H McHardy; T Claxton, G Rees, I Milne (captain), J Atkin, W Wall, S Holland, P Lillington, E Weekes.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: M Thomas; C Howard, C Allen, S Reid, C James; A Sutton, C Williams, S Wainwright, A Rogerson (captain), S Heaver, A Buchanan-Smith, J Morrison, M Reid, A Robinson, P Farmer.

Referee: V Williams (Notts, Lincs & Derby).

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TENNIS

Downfall of the men down under

Sydney (Agencies) – Australian players are having a wretched time in their own national indoor championship. After the surprising first-round defeat of Pat Cash, the Wimbledon and US Open semi-finalist, on Tuesday, two of his Davis Cup team colleagues were eliminated against expectations yesterday.

Paul McNamee, the fifth seed, went down 6-4, 7-5 to the United States left-handed player, Mike DePalmer, and Fitzgerald, the eighth seed, lost 6-4, 7-6 to India's Vijay Amritraj. Both were second-round matches.

Mark Edmondson, a former Australian Open winner, was a first-round casualty along with Cash while Masur joined McNamee and Fitzgerald in second-round defeat as Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovkia, beat him 6-2, 6-2. Australia's hopes now rest with Brad Drewett and John Frawley.

STOCKHOLM: The Swedish federation was insistent yesterday that the Davis Cup final should be played from December 28-30 (Reuter reports). Sweden host the tie against the United States and have the right to choose the dates. Their spokesman said: "We have investigated different possibilities but found the end of December was the only possible date."

John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors have objected to playing during the Christmas period

Wightman Cup team, page 26

IN BRIEF

Davis lines up a potfull

Steve Davis, the world snooker champion, who is already a millionaire, yesterday signed a five-year contract worth £1m with Courage Breweries (Sydney Friskin writes). This is belived to be the highest sponsorship figure for any individual sports personality in Britain and is a renewal of the £220,000 agreement signed in 1982.

Under the terms of the new contract Davis will play in a national programme of exhibition matches against opponents drawn from Courage and John Smith's public houses and clubs and undertake a series of personal appearances on behalf of the company. Barry Hearn, Davis's manager, referred to the contract "as the biggest compliment to the game of snooker".

● Terry Griffiths was beaten 5-3 by Tony Jones, a professional for less than two years, in the Rothman's Grand Prix in Bristol yesterday.

RUGBY UNION: The Jaguars, whose players come from six South American countries and Spain, won the second match of their South African tour when they beat a combined South-West Africa, Griqualand West and North-West Cape side 30-18 in Kimberley yesterday.

● The Uruguyan government will not grant entry visas to the South African team, Defense-Weermag, currently on tour in Argentina.

SQUASH RACKETS

Impertinence of youth

By Colin McQuillan

The young men of British squash are riding high this week upon a wave of significant Premier League victories over players of vastly greater experience. Gawain Briars stole immediate attention with his long-awaited first official victory over Hiddy Jahan, the England No 1. The win by Richard Le Lievre over Ahmed Safwat was exciting, too, and the crushing of Tyrella's mighty professional squad by the stripling side from Redwood Lodge was a triumph of youthful impertinence.

Briars is elated to have added Jahan's scalp to that recently collected from his other long-standing domestic rival, Philip Kenyon. He badly needed such response to an early defeat in the American Express event by Geoff Williams, of Manchester.

Jahan, approaching 35, is less than elated at failing to contain Briars in their 62-minute 9–6, 9–2, 5–9, 9–4 match. He is prepared to admit that the younger man payed well. "In the big tournaments, when I am fully trained, Gawain will need to be better, though", Jahan added.

Having led Squash Leicester to undefeated leadership of the Premier League, Jahan insists that the 3–2 team victory over Nottingham was more important than defeating Briars at first string.

No such relaxation occurred in Bristol, where Redwood Lodge, who qualify for under-23 competition achieved their first Premier League win at the expense of Tyrella, last season's champions.

Kenyon, the national champion, defeated the tenth-ranked Christy Willstrop, who must gain something from losing to the top English trio in successive weeks, but the rest of the Bristol youngsters accounted for a squad including England's No 5.

RESULTS: American Express Premier Squash League: Nottingham 2, Squash Leicester 3; Cannons (London) 4, Armley (Leeds) 1; Dunnings Mill (Sussex) 0, Manchester Northern 5; Redwood Lodge (Bristol) 4, Tyrella (Hampshire) 1.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNER'S CUP: Men, first round, second leg (at Villeurbanne): Villeurbanne 85, Maccabi 73; (at Pleven) Spartak Pleven (Bulgaria) 109, Karsiyaka Izmir (Turkey) 75.

KOTKA, Finland: European Cup-Winners' Cup: Second round, second leg: KTP (Fin) 84, Alvik (Swe) 79. (Alvik won 176-170 on agg).

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: First round: Crystal Palace Supersonic 78 (Lucas 30), Sperrings Solent Stars 95 (Johnson 32).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 49ers 31, New York Giants 10.

FOOTBALL

LOS ANGELES: Columbus Cup: Mexico 1, Colombia 0; United States 3, El Salvador 1

RHEIMS: French League Cup final: Laval 3, Monaco 1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 1, Charlton 3.

FAN VASE, Preliminary round replay: Rushall Olympic 4 Coleshill 0.

RUGBY UNION

COUNTY MATCH: Hertfordshire U-21 12, RAF U-21 16.

CLUB MATCHES: Harlequins 13, Loughborough Univ 16; Cambridge Univ 35, St Mary's Hospital 6; Aston Univ 22, Birmingham Poly 6; Havant 9, Combined Services 29; London Forex 10, Stock Exchange 6.

SCHOOLS: Emanuel 7, King Edward's, Aston 18.

Bishop Wand 12, Bearwood 3; Denstone 69, Highfield 0; Emanuel 7, King Edward's Aston 18; Kelly 22, Devonport HS 12; Kenilworth 12, King Henry VIII, Coventry 12; Leighton Park 3, Pangbourne 7; Magdalen CS, Oxford 22, Banbury 6; Marling 20, Wycliffe 18; Merchant Taylors' Northwood 10, Tonbridge 26; Peter Symond's 3, Churcher's 19; Queen's, Taunton 6, King's Taunton 15; Ratcliffe 20, Cotton 0; Rydal 15, Ellesmere 3; St Albans 6, Owen's 7; St Columbas 4, Verulam 35; St Dunstan's, Catford 12, Caterham 10; Shebbear 33, Tiverton 0; Shiplake 7, Sir William Borlase 17; Taunton 24, Allhallows 3; Trinity, Croydon 10, King's Wimbledon 7; Wallington HS 20, Purley HS 3; Warwick 37, Bloxham 0; Wimbledon 29, Oratory 0; Windsor 16, Reading 4; Wrekin 10, King's Worcester 48.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Strathclyde 26, Glasgow 18; St Andrew's 21, Dundee 20; Heriot Watt 9, Edinburgh 42; Stirling 8, Aberdeen 18.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Cannons 4, Armley 1; Dunnings Mill 0, Manchester 5; Nottingham 2, Leicester 3; Redwood Lodge 4, Tyrella 1

TENNIS

SYDNEY: Australian indoor championship, first round: I Lendl (Cz) bt W Masur (Aust) 6-2, 6-2; E Teltscher (US) bt D Saltz (US) 7-6, 5-7. Second round: M De Palmer (US) bt P McNamee (Aust) 6-4, 7-5; V Amritraj (India) bt J Fitzgerald (Aust) 6-4 7-6; B Testerman (US) bt H Simonsson (Sw) 6-2, 7-5.

BASLE: Grand Prix indoor tournament, first round: Smid (Cz) bt E Edwards (SA) 6-2, 6-4; T Wilkinson (US) bt W Fibak (Pol) 7-6, 6-2; C Dowdeswell (GB) bt Z Kuharszky (Switz) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; J Gunnarson (Swe) bt J Higueras (Sp) 6-4, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt B Becker (WG) 7-5, 7-5; M Doyle (Ire) bt P Arraya (Peru) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; J Aguilera (Sp) bt C Motta (Bra) 6-2, 6-1; M Schapers (Neth) bt T Hoegstedt (Swe) 7-6, 6-4; P Slozil (Cz) bt H Guenthardt (Switz) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; J Brown (US) bt C van Rensburg (SA) 6-4, 6-4.

TORONTO: Grand masters tournament, quarter-finals: R Laver (Aus) bt F Sedgman (US) 6-1, 6-3; R Emerson (Aus) bt S Scott (US) 6-2, 6-4; M Anderson (Aus) bt R Krishnan (India) 6-1, 6-2; F Stolle (Aus) bt T Ulrich (Den) 6-3, 6-2.

TARPON SPRINGS, Florida: Women's open first round (US unless stated): Mandlikova (Cz) bt M Brown 6-4, 6-1; L Bernstein bt M J Fernandez 6-4, 6-3; P. Louie bt A White 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; R Fairbank (SA) bt E Burgin 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; M Washington bt L Allen 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; J Kloch bt K Cummings 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; A Leand bt K Steinmetz 6-4, 6-3; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt F Raschiatore 6-8, 6-2.

TOKYO: Japan open, MEN, second round: B Gilber (US) bt T Cain (US) 6-2, 6-4; S McCain (US) bt S Meister (US) 6-2, 6-2; D Gitlin (US) bt M Veda (Japan) 6-1, 6-4; R Green (US), E van't Hof (US) 6-3, 6-2; R Krishnan (In) bt K Flach (US) 6-0, 6-1; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt F Gonzalez (Para) 6-4, 6-4; D Pate (US) bt L Duncan (US) 6-2, 6-4; H Pfister (US) bt T Gullikson (US) 7-5, 6-3; L Stefanki (US) bt E Korita (US) 7-6, 6-1; C Campbell (GB) bt C Dunk (US) 6-3, 7-6; S Giammalva (US) bt M Mitchell (US) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; T Moor (US) bt K Belcher (US) 6-3, 6-4; M Davis (US) bt H Sands (US) 6-3, 6-2; B Derlin (NZ) bt T Nelson (US) 0-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Lapidus (US) bt B Manson (US) 6-4, 6-2; J Mattice (US) bt A Gomez (Ecu) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. WOMEN, second round: B Herr (US) bt M Quinlan (US) 7-5, 6-1; M Schropp (WG) bt M Schillig (US) 7-6, 6-3; A Villagran (Arg) bt K Kell (US) 7-6, 6-1; L Drescher (Switz) bt Sabatini (Arg) 6-2, 6-2; M van Nostrand (US) bt A Holton (US) 6-4, 6-3; B Nagelsen (US) bt R Reis (US) 6-2, 6-2; E Rapponi-Longo (Arg) bt B Bramblett (US) 6-4, 6-0; S Foltz (US) E Okagawa (Japan) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO: Major League, World Series (first game): Detroit Tigers 3, San Diego Padres 2.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Grand Prix, first round: M McCleod bt W King (Aust) 5-4; R Reardon bt C Roscoe 5-1; M Fouldis bt B Demarco 5-2.

AMERICA'S CUP

Syndicate floated by Royal Thames

From David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent
Porto Cervo

An announcement is expected next week by Royal Thames Yacht Club concerning a major development in their challenge for the America's Cup in Freemantle in 1987, following their absence from the inaugural 12-metre world championship, which was won here yesterday by Yacht Club Italiano, of Genoa, with Peter de Savary's challengers' finalist last year, Victory '83.

I understand that a City of London financier, with substantial interests in radio, has coordinated between 12 and 15 leading industrial companies who are each prepared to give a minimum sponsorship of £250,000 and some of them more than that, which would put the Thames syndicate on a par with yesterday's defeated world championship finalist, Azzurra. The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda has 22 sponsors for Italy's most fancied boat, including Alitalia, Cinzano and Lancia.

De Savary said last year that he was not prepared to mount a second challenge in the attempt to take the trophy from Royal Perth without substantial backing from British industry. This was sadly not forthcoming during last autumn. Over the past nine months an attempt by the West Nally organization to coordinate a sponsorship platform has fallen short of expectations.

Yet, far from the New York Yacht Club's loss of the trophy in last year's spectacular final with Australia II having diminished the significance of the America's Cup, it is evident from the world championships here that international interest has never been broader, and there is a worthwhile potential to be exploited by imaginative British sponsors. The campaign by Azzurra over three years has, for example, made an enormous impact on Italian yachting and general public awareness, so that yesterday's 3-1 defeat in the series by Victory '83 has been almost as sharp a disappointment as Italy's Olympic football defeat by Costa Rica.

Money men move in

Mark McCormack's International Management Group has moved in on the America's Cup challenge round in Freemantle and is hoping to be involved in the elimination series, so it can be expected that sponsorship projection will be considerably more vigorous than it was even in Newport last year.

It is reckoned that the minimum backing for a British challenger is £4 million, though this is sure to increase over the next two years. I understand that the latest potential consortium will continue under the overall leadership of Sir Ian Easton, but would be managed for the syndicate by a limited company on behalf of Royal Thames. The funding is one of three essential aspects of the campaign, the others being personnel and the design of a new boat. De Savary remains for the moment a peripheral figure with the promise of some help similar to that which he gave to the last but one campaign with Lionheart.

A number of the personalities involved in last year's campaign have agreed in principle to commit themselves to the Royal Thames challenge. Phil Crebbin, discarded by de Savary as helmsman for the elimination finals, will be involved in design, while two other prominent helmsmen who joined and then left the Victory '83 squad in Newport, Harry Cudmore and Chris Law, have agreed to pool their knowledge and experience.

Angus Melrose, Victory's sail designer, who has been involved intimately with the success out here, is thought now to be the best designer in the 12-metre field, while Derek Clarke, the computer-navigator specialist who has been assisting YC Italiano, will also be part of the Royal Thames organization. The details of this will be finalized during the spring of next year.

A highly technical programme on design has been undertaken, with tank testing using the National Maritime facilities under the guidance of Sir Herbert Piercy. This programme will continue during the winter and it is expected that Ian Howlett, the designer of Victory '83, who is at present involved with Italian interests, will commit himself to the British challenge next year.

YACHTING

Victory '83 for Italy

From a Special Correspondent, Porto Cervo

The British designed and built yacht, Victory '83, now owned by an Italian syndicate, won the fourth race of the 12-metre world championship finals yesterday, and with it the overall championship. In winds of over 20 knots, and under a grey sky off the Sardinian coast, she won by more than a minute from the other finalist, Azzurra, also representing an Italian syndicate, headed by the Ago Khan.

At the start, Azzurra outmanoeuvred Victory '83, as she has in most of the other races. It was not long, however, before Victory '83 had managed to break cover, and taken control of the tactics. About 10 minutes after the start, Azzurra was forced to duck under Victory's stern, and from then on she rarely threatened Victory's lead.

Fortunately, the only slip in Victory's generally excellent crew work was answered by a mess on Azzurra. This happened at the start of the first running leg, when Victory's spinnaker was washed overboard before it could be hoisted.

Victory made no further mistakes after this in either crew work or tactics, controlling the race througout. Azzurra flew a protest flag from before the starting gun, and claimed that one of Victory's boats interfered with her pre-start tactics. However, since she won the start, it seems unlikely that the international jury will uphold the protest.

MOTOR RACING: CHANGES IN FORMULA ONE REGULATIONS

FISA dilutes grand prix formula

By John Blunsden

Far-reaching changes to Formula One racing regulations, to be introduced progressively over the next four seasons, were announced in Paris yesterday by Yvon Leon, the secretary-general of FISA, the sport's governing body. The changes, which include a reduction in engine capacity, fuel capacity and aerdynamic downforce, are intended to contain speeds and have received the unanimous backing of the Formula One Commission, comprising representatives of the race organizers, the car constructors, the sponsors and FISA.

The current engine rules, allowing a displacement of three litres, or 1.5 litres with a supercharger or turbocharger, remain in force for 1985, but in 1986 three-litre engines will be excluded. This is little more than a tidying-up of the regulations, in so far as every team will be using 1.5-litre turbo charged engines next season. For 1988, however, the maximum engine capacity is to be reduced from 1.5 to 1.2 litres.

The progressive lowering of the fuel capacity amends a decision taken last July to retain the current limit of 220 litres for a further three years. This limit will now only apply next year, and will be reduced to 195 litres for 1986 and 1987. When the 1.2-litre engine limit is introduced in 1988, the maximum amount of fuel allowed on board will fall to 180 litres.

Regulations to come into force next season include a new 102 octane fuel rating, and the banning of supercooled fuel–a practice which has been widely used during the current season as a means of "compressing" the fuel to achieve greater mileage. There is also to be a ban on the use of liquids or materials to make cars heavier in order to meet the minimum weight requirement. The use of this form of ballast by the Tyrrell team this year was one of the issues challenged prior to the team's controversial exclusion from the current world championship.

An attempt is being made to reduce cornering speeds next season by the suppression of "winglets". These are small supplementary wings which have appeared increasingly during the current season as an integral part of cars' rear wings and are estimated to have increased aerodynamics by up to 25 per cent.

Driver safety has also been tackled, following a number of leg injuries sustained during the past few months. All constructors will be required to submit the forward portion of their chassis and their drivers' survival cells for crash testing to ensure that these structures meet newly defined safety requirements.

Discussions will also take place next season on finding alternative forms of qualifying for starting grid positions, as the "single fastest lap" method adopted to date can pose unacceptable hazards when drivers on their flat-out qualifying lap are obstructed by slow-moving cars. If qualification is to be based on an aggregate of several consecutive lap times, as some teams seem to favour, tyre companies will be called upon to produce more durable qualifying tyres in place of their "one-lap specials."

● Paris (Reuter) – Eleven drivers gain world championship points following the redistribution by FISA after the disqualification of the Tyrrell team over fuel irregularities at Detroit earlier this season.

REVISED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: 1, N Lauda (Austria) 66pts; 2, A Prost (Fr) 62.5; 3, E de Angelis (It) 32; 4, N Piquet (Br) 28; 5, M Alboreto (It) 27.5; 6, R Arnoux (Fr) 27; 7, D Warwick (GB) 23; 8, K Rosberg (Fin) 20.5; 9, N Mansell (GB) 13; 10, P Tambay (Fr) 11; equal 11, T Fabi (It), A Senna (Br) 9; 13, R Patrese (It) 8, equal 14, J Laffite (Fr), T Boutsen (Belg) 5; equal 16, E Cheever (US), S Johansson (Swe), A de Cesaris (It) 3; equal 19, J Gartner (Austria), P Ghinzani (It) 2; equal 21, M Surer (Swit), G Berger (Austria) 1.

● Paris (AFP) – FISA yesterday issued the calendar for next year's European Formula 3000 championship, which replaces the Formula Two championship.

DATES: March 24, Silverstone; April 7, Thruxton; 21, Estoril (Port); 28, Nurburgring (WG); May 12, Vallelunga (Italy); 26, Pau (Fr); June 2, Spa Francorchamps (Belg); 23, Hockenheim (WG); 30, Dijon (Fr); July 14, Donington; 28, Pergusa (It); August 18, Zeltweg (Aust); 25, Zandvoort (Neth); September 15, Mugello (It).

GOLF: WOMEN FACE IRISH CHALLENGE AS TORRANCE AND LANGER DUEL IN SPAIN

Distinguished crowd at rainbow's end

By John Hennessy

Another pot of gold has attracted another imposing field to the Clandeboye Club for the Irish Women's Open championship, sponsored by Smirnoff, and starting today. With a prize fund of $150,000, about £120,000 assuming the pound retains its present position against the dollar, it is in fact the richest golf tournament ever staged in Ireland, male or female, north or south, and there is a first prize of £18,000.

It therefore offers Kitrina Douglas, of England, the most consistently successful professional woman golfer in the United Kingdom this season, a chance to regain the leadership in the order of merit that was so emphatically stolen from her by Dale Reid, of Scotland, last week.

By finishing joint second in the even more lucrative British Open, Miss Reid leapt £6,000 above Miss Douglas, which means that the English golfer has to finish in the top four, at least, to close the gap. With only the modestly endowed Spanish Open to come the issue, carrying a bonus of £2,500, could well be decided between now and Sunday.

The American entry is only marginally depleted, compared with last week, so there will be a concerted national counter-attack against Ayako Okamoto of Japan, who surprisingly beat not only Miss Reid but also Betsy King, the new leader in the American money list, by the huge margin of eleven strokes.

Miss Douglas: big chance

The players then, Miss Okamoto apart, found the Duke's course at Woburn too punishing a test. Clandeboye seems unlikely to offer much relief.

Most players seem to stand in awe of it yesterday, yet the club professional, Peter Gregory, insists that they had the wind in their favour, from the north-west.

Scot must beware supporting cast

From Mitchell Platts, Valencia

Three weeks away from the finale of the European tour, Bernhard Langer and Sam Torrance take the stage in the Spanish Open here today demanding the audience's attention.

Not that the supporting cast – the likes of Severiano Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle and Howard Clark – have not played their part in making the four one of the most intriguing in PGA history. As far as the order of merit is concerned it is Langer and Torrance who are competing for the spotlight.

the drama so far:- Act 1: The curtain is raised in April and Torrance immediately captures the attention by winning the Tunisian Open.

Act 2: Langer wins the French, Dutch and Irish Opens over the next three months in which he condemns Torrance to a spell in the wings.

Act 3: Like the rugged performer he is, Torrance elbows his way back into the limelight with victories in the Benson and Hedges International and Sanyo Open. Thus Langer's iron-fisted grip on the No1 spot is loosened and he is compelled to abandon plans to leave the production before the end of its run.

Act 4: Langer and Torrance reappear together here in Spain with the West German's winnings standing at £125,226 in Europe this season, compared to the Scot's £108,166. Such is Torrance's determination to overhaul Langer that he has cancelled plans to go to Japan next week. He will instead play in the Cannes Open.

After that Torrance will go to the Orient. He will be back in time to compete in the Portuguese Open, where the curtain will fall on November 4.

Langer defends the Johnnie Walker trophy in Madrid next week, so he cannot play at Cannes, and is contracted to an exhibition match opposite the Portuguese Open.

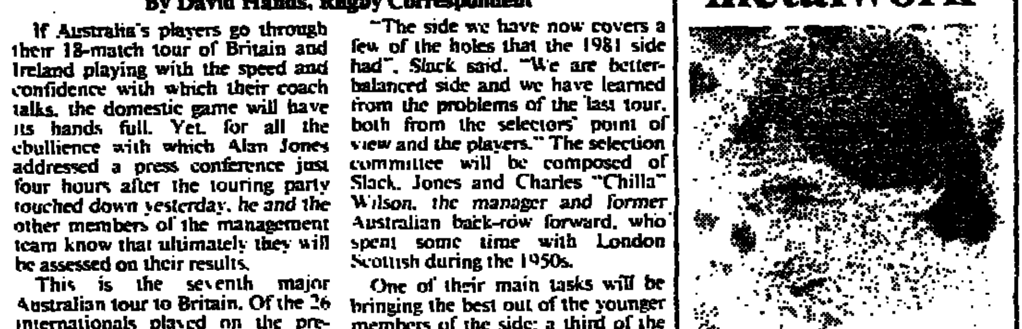
So if Torrance can win the £13,330 first prize this week the drama will continue, although the Scot is well aware that Langer has "outside" help here with Lyle extremely confident after his win in Paris last Sunday and Ballesteros eager to win the Spanish Open for a second time in four years.

EDINBURGH: Honourable Company of Edinburgh golfers' autumn medal competition: 73: D E D Neave (gold medal). 75: R P White (Musselburgh medal). Best aggregate of spring and autumn medals: White (Grant Cup). Other scores: 76: P G H Younie. 77: I D Jones; J E Cook. 79: V N U Wood. 80: R D Inglis.

RUGBY UNION

Jones plans a tour to be talked about

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent



If Australia's players go through their 18-match tour of Britain and Ireland playing with the speed and confidence with which their coach talks, the domestic game will have its hands full. Yet for all the ebullience with which Alan Jones addressed a press conference just four hours after the touring party touched down yesterday, he and the other members of the management team know that ultimately they will be assessed on their results.

This is the seventh major Australian tour to Britain. Of the 36 internationals played on the previous six tours, the Wallabies have won nine and lost 17, and, like it or not, the success or failure of a touring side is judged by international matches.

He balances this by saying that while the team will bear in mind the image of Australian rugby, "we have an obligation to do justice to our hosts and the promotion of the game." The playing party – which will be joined early this morning by Rodriguez, the Argentine-born prop forward left behind on Tuesday while he acquired a British visa – seems singularly well equipped to do that.

"One of the great strengths of this team is its attitude", Jones, once a speechwriter for Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian premier, said.

This party has the advantage of containing 11 players who were on the last tour of Britain and know what to expect of local conditions, among them the captain and centre, Andrew Slack. This is a higher proportion than usual: the turnover in Australia's leading players has hindered continuity of this kind. But Jones envisages all his players challenging for the international side, rather than the formation of "Saturday and Wednesday" sides.

This is entirely understandable in view of the itinerary. There was some concern that the matches immediately preceding the games with England (November 3) and Ireland (November 10) would be played in a different country – and host under lights – and that there was some unnecessary travelling during the England-Wales part of the tour. "The players are aware of it. It's very committed, very dedicated team", Jones said.

"The side we have now covers a few of the holes that the 1981 side had", Slack said. "We are better-balanced side and we have learned from the problems of the last tour, both from the selectors' point of view and the players." The selection committee will be composed of Slack, Jones and Charles "Chilla" Wilson, the manager and former Australian back-row forward, who spent some time with London Scottish during the 1950s.

One of their main tasks will be bringing the best out of the younger members of the side: a third of the players are in the 20-22 age bracket, playing an itinerary which allows very little time to adjust to radically different conditions. They and the rest of the party had a run-out at Lensbury yesterday afternoon and there will be two training periods a day for the next three days, then one a day in the build-up to the opening tour game, against the London Division on October 17.

London lost Bailey, the Cambridge University captain, from the left wing yesterday. Capped twice by England in South Africa, Bailey withdrew because of inflamed tendons and fibres in his feet and will probably spend a month on the sideline. His replacement has not yet been named, but Cardus (Wasps), who played on the right wing for London against the New Zealanders, must be among the possibilities.

TOUR PARTY: Backs: R Gould (Queensland), D Campese (ACT), P Grigg (Queensland) [illegible]

ITINERARY: October 17, v London Division [illegible]

Schools Rugby

Rydal breach defences

By Michael Stevenson

Rydal 15
Ellesmere College 3

Heroic tackling by Ellesmere, slackening off only in the final quarter, could not offset Rydal's superior pace and fitness, which brought them victory yesterday at Colwyn Bay by three tries and a penalty to a penalty. It was a wholehearted contest. Trailing only 3-7 well into the second half, the visitors must have felt a degree of optimism.

Robinson opened Rydal's scoring with a penalty, but his confidence deserted and he missed seven further kicks at goal. Ellesmere, initially running the ball adventurously, could not exploit several overlaps on the left and a superb scrum half's try by the busy but diminutive Rowlands accounted for Rydal's interval lead.

Rydal's backs tended to run across the field, preventing effective use of the power and speed of Worden in the centre, though he did cut loose from time to time. Holmes pulled Ellesmere back with a penalty, but a glorious run by Goldsmith, developed by Evans, gave Jones, the stand-off half and a player of promise, his chance to duck back, and freed Bailey on the blind; Bailey hammered through some hesitant tackling to score.

Then the powerful Goldsmith, who ripped off a rolling maul after a line-out, forced his way over in the corner.

RYDAL: [illegible]

ELLESMERE COLLEGE: [illegible]

Referee: Mr C Parker (Liverpool and District Society).

MOTOR CYCLING

Sheene to lose his metalwork

More than two years after the accident that came close to crippling him, Barry Sheene (above) is to have the metal screws and plates removed from his legs (Michael Scott writes).

Sheene crashed at Silverstone in 1982, and the subsequent reconstruction operations on his shattered legs and wrist were widely publicized. The operation to remove the metalwork is scheduled for tomorrow.

Yesterday, however, amid growing speculation of his leaving Suzuki, and a secret non-Japanese works bike deal for 1985, Sheene was not available to comment on rumours that this latest development would delay the planned surgery. He was thought to be in Italy, discussing a deal at the Cagiva factory.

Sheene, aged 34, was 500cc world champion in 1976 and 1977, but has since complained of uncompetitive motorcycles. In 1984, he was sixth, riding a Suzuki. Cagiva has mounted a lone European effort against the Japanese factory teams in grand prix racing for the past two years, without conspicuous success. The four-cylinder two-stroke Cagivas are fast, but have so far lacked roadholding, reliability, and determined top-class riding skills.

In 1984, the former champion Marco Lucchinelli retired half-way through the season, after a lacklustre performance. Hervé Moineau, the French rider, took over the works Cagiva, and scored a single point for his tenth place in Yugoslavia.

Sheene's break with Suzuki will surprise all but the sport's insiders. It is known that Heron-Suzuki are anxious to promote the talents of Rob McElnea on their British-built aluminium-honeycomb motorcycle.

SHOW JUMPING

Top junior lands a cash boost

By Jenny MacArthur

Zoe Bates, one of Britain's top young international showjumpers, has entered a sponsorship contract with Moët & Chandon, initially for one year. The Essex-based rider, aged 21, becomes the fourth member of the company's cosmopolitan showjumping team, which includes Nelson Pessoa of Brazil, Hervé Godignon, of France, and Philippe Lejeune, of Belgium.

The company would not disclose how much the sponsorship was worth, but Miss Bates said after the announcement yesterday that the figure will cover expenses and running costs, but not the buying of horses. The cost of keeping one showjumper in training is around £5,000 to £6,000 per year, and Miss Bates has seven horses included in her contract.

Asked how she acquired the sponsorship, the forthright Miss Bates said: "I was competing at Dinard in France earlier thid year when I saw Jean-Marie Dupois, the director of public relations for the company, so I went up and asked him if they would sponsor me."

Miss Bates, whose father, Michael, was a successful point-to-point rider, is one of the country's top juniors and was a member of the team which won the gold medal at the 1981 European junior championships. Since competing as a senior, she has concentrated on the European circuit rather than the big shows at home, and has therefore been out of the spotlight. She will now divide her time equally between Britain and the Continent.

This winter she hopes to train with Pessoa, now based in Belgium, who won his fifty-fifth puissance on Miss Moet at Wembley last week. Miss Bates considers him "one of the greatest jockeys in the world, and a brilliant trainer." The British public will have its first chance to watch Miss Bates jump for her new sponsors at the Olympia Show this Christmas.

● The husband and wife showjumping team of Michael and Veronique Whitaker will compete with three other British riders in the Leeuwarden international show in Holland from October 18-20.

BOXING

Mayor's show is off

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Barry McGuigan's bout with Angel Mayor, of Venezuela, the world No 4 featherweight, has been called off. The British and European featherweight champion will now face his first southpaw opponent in Felipe Orozco, of Colombia, the World Boxing Council No 1 superbantamweight, at King's Hall, Belfast, on Saturday.

Stephen Eastwood, the Belfast promoter, said yesterday that Mayor appeared to be having contractual difficulties with his manager and it was not certain when, if at all, he would arrive in Belfast. "He was expected on Sunday, then Monday, and now it's Wednesday and we don't intend to wait any more. We have had to call in Orozco at this late stage. If Mayor arrives today or tomorrow he will be

Mr Eastwood said that Orozco had been in training for a bout and is in top shape. "He has had 18 fights and lost only one – to the champion, Jaime Garza, of the United States – and has knocked out 12 of his opponents."

Although Garza stopped Orozco in three rounds, the Colombian claims that this was because he had been having difficulty making the weight. He intends to move up to feather. He should be a tough opponent for McGuigan. Cornelius Boza-Edwards meets Charlie Brown, of Philadelphia, at lightweight on the same bill.

Hateley adjusts successfully to the Italian style



Hateley salutes Milan's supporters in the San Siro stadium

Mercenary without aggression wins friends on foreign field

There we stood, enduring an interminable delay in the baggage collection area of Milan's Linate airport and the stranger, quite unannounced, was poking a camera at assorted angles in the direction of Mark Hateley and his wife.

"Who is he?" Hateley's wife, Beverley, whispered. "No idea," replied AC Milan's expensive recruit from English football. "But we'd better smile."

No more than 15 minutes off the London flight, Hateley was in the midst of Italian football fanaticism, an unmistakable plague that starts to rage the length and breadth of the mainland this time of year.

As one of AC Milan's two new English players, Hateley has carved a promising reputation in the shortest of periods. Italian League seasons do not begin until mid-September, as the sun at last begins to shed some of its power, and football followers relish the cream on their doorstep.

What an array of talent there is to admire. The Brazilians, Socrates, Zico, Falcao, Junior; Platini, the gifted Frenchman; the West Germans Rummenigge and Briegel; Souness and Brady, once of the English League; the Dane Elkjaer and the world's finest, most tortured sporting property, Maradona, collecting undreamt-of wealth before the eyes of the poverty-stricken Neapolitans.

Into such an arena Hateley has stepped, aged 22, rich in promise but hardly an established figure despite his success on England's summer tour of South America. His pedigree scarcely rivals that of other overseas recruits – Maradona from Barcelona, Souness from Liverpool and Rummenigge, for example, from Bayern Munich – yet after four league matches he is already bracketed with Michel Platini as the first division's leading scorer and has earned praise from many eminent judges, including the manager of the Italian national team, Enzo Bearzot.

Behind the young Englishman lies the story of an unhappy time at Coventry and a short interlude at Portsmouth. "Coventry was a good club to leave," he says. "They had no ambition, content just to bumble along and survive in the first division. But Portsmouth was different."

The tribute Hateley pays Bobby Campbell, a stern Merseysider who once wore Liverpool's colours with passion, is handsome. "I owe him so much because he instilled the aggression into my game. He gave me much more confidence and taught me the value of real application. I was surprised and saddened when he was sacked at Portsmouth."

Although he was sent off in a match before the league season began, and was cautioned in last Sunday's 1-1 draw with the champions, Juventus, in Turin, aggression is not a quality Hateley envisages being of great value to his armoury now that he has become a foreign mercenary in the Italian game.

Adjusting to the style of the Italian game was a problem with which Luther Blissett, AC Milan's English purchase last season, never began to come to terms.

The loneliness of Blissett, cast insecurely into Milan's dreary industrial city, was another problem. "Joining at the same time as Ray (Wilkins) made a big difference", Hateley says. "It means settling in is smoother and easier."

If Hateley regarded Campbell as a shrewd motivator, then his trainer in Milan, Nils Liedholm, has a distinguished reputation. The Swede steered Roma to last season's European Cup final and is revered by his fellow countrymen and Italians alike.

"Being a former centre-forward, he has specialist knowledge of my position. We have worked hard on quickening up my feet for work inside the penalty area. He has told me not to worry about what happens outside the area. It is in the box that I must be sharp and to that end, a lot of work has gone in."

The long black hair is the epitome of youth, the brain beneath it surprisingly astute. "A major reason I came here was to learn the style of football which will be used in the next World Cup", he says. "Playing there for England is my greatest wish and I should be much more valuable to England if I am used to this style."

Peter Bills

IN BRIEF

Lancia's withdrawal gives Blomqvist title

Stig Blomqvist, Audi's Swedish driver, is certain of the world rally drivers' championship following the withdrawal of Lancia, whose driver Markku Alen is his main rival, from the forthcoming Ivory Coast rally.

● Paris (AFP) – The international motor racing federation yesterday gave the organisers of the Monte Carlo Rally until October 26 to agree to pay the French Automobile Club for its co-operation in staging the rally if they wanted to be included in next year's world championship.

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR: Jan 26-Feb 2: Monte Carlo; March 5-10: Portugal; April 4-8: Safari Rally; May 4-6: Tour of Corsica; June 1-7 Acropolis; June 27-July 3: New Zealand; July 27-Aug 3: Argentina; August 21-25: 1,000 Lakes (Finland); Sept 28-Oct 5: San Remo (Italy); Nov 23-28: RAC Rally of Britain. RESERVE EVENTS: Rallies of Sweden and Ivory Coast (for drivers' championship only)

BOXING: Shawn O'Sullivan, of Canada, the Olympic light middleweight silver medal winner, won his first professional bout by a unanimous points verdict over Vint Hammond of the United States in Toronto yesterday.

BASEBALL: Detroit Tigers beat San Diego Padres 3-2 in San Diego yesterday to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven World Series. Padres led 2-1 until Larry Herndon scored a two-run homer.

BASKETBALL: The winners of this season's English Cup will receive £5,500. Runners-up will get £4,500 and the losing semi-finalists will receive £2,000 each.

SWIMMING: Tracy Caulkins, who retired this year at 21 after winning the 200m and 400m individual medley Gold medals and 4 x 100 medley relay gold at the Olympic Games, was named women's swimmer of the year by the American Federation yesterday.



Blomqvist: uncatchable

HOCKEY: Pakistan, the world and Olympic champions, will play the Olympic losing finalists, West Germany in Brussels on October 20 to commemorate the Diamond jubilee of the International Hockey Federation. The Netherlands, women's Olympic champions, will meet the silver medal winners, West Germany.

CYCLING: The withdrawal of two major sponsors has caused the cancellation of the annual Frankfurt six-days race which was due to begin on October 25, co-organiser Hans Burkert said yesterday.

FOOTBALL: Diego Maradona and Daniel Bertoni, the Argentine forwards playing for Napoli, have not been allowed to play an exhibition match in Barcelona in the absence of insurance guarantees from the Spanish side. The pair were scheduled to play in a match to honour the retired Spanish player, Quini, a former team colleague of Maradona.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Six on the shortlist

By Keith Macklin

Two meetings will be held by the Rugby League management committee next week at which six experienced men will be interviewed for the post of Great Britain coach.

The shortlist of coaches, to appear on Tuesday and Wednesday, has not been released. However, unofficial sources indicate that the choice will be made from such men as Allan Agar of Featherstone Rovers, Maurice Bamford (Leeds), Peter Fox (Bradford Northern), Malcolm Reilly (Castleford), Arthur Bunting (Hull) and Roger Millward (Hull Kingston Rovers). One name not on the list is that of Alex Murphy, the controversial figure recently sacked by Wigan. Murphy has made his disappointment as well known in recent days as are his many other views on Rugby League. The name of the successful coach will not be released until Monday week.

Four clubs were fined by the committee: Sheffield Eagles £150 for fielding an ineligible player, Andy Tyers, while he was on Doncaster's books; Doncaster £50 for committing a similar offence of fielding Robin Chester of Hull; and Halifax and Workington Town players were found guilty of indulging in a brawl on September 23.

When the disciplinary committee meets today, one of the players to appear before them will be David Major, the Salford second-row forward, who claims mistaken identity after being sent off

CRICKET

Brewery refuses Hall time for tour

Bridgetown, Barbados (AP) – Wes Hall, the former West Indies has resigned the job he held for 10 years at a local brewery to manage the West Indies cricket team on its forthcoming tour of Australia. Hall's decision to leave his job at Banks Brewery was announced in a statement issued here two days before the team left for Australia.

Hall, a legendary fast bowler in his time when he took 192 wickets in 48 Test matches for the West Indies between 1958 and 1969, had asked the brewery for five months leave without pay to go on the Australian tour.

The West Indies team does not have a permanent manager and the cricket board of control appoints one from series to series. Hall was also manager of the West Indies team to India and Australia between last November and February when he was given leave. But this time the company said it could not allow him to go on its time again.

When Hall's predicament became known there was a public outcry. Sir Gary Sobers, regarded as the best all-rounder the game has known and also a Barbadian, said he was "surprised" by the company's decision.

Letters flooded in to local newspapers calling on the brewery to release Hall. Employees of the company sent a petition to the general manager asking for Hall's release.

The influential Barbados daily, The Nation, commented editorially that Hall "is a very special person who has done yeoman service for his country on and off the field." Hall, aged 47, is also an opposition senator in parliament.

Indians in Pakistan

Karachi (AP) – Sunil Gavaskar who holds the world record for the highest number of Test centuries, led the Indian touring party of 16 players into Karachi yesterday. They received a warm welcome from officials of the Pakistan Cricket Board, the Karachi Cricket Association, players and scores of fans.

Gavaskar is leading an Indian cricket team to Pakistan for the second time. In 1982 he led the side which lost to Pakistan 3-0 in a six-Test series.

The Indian and Pakistani teams are apparently more closely matched this time than in 1982 when Imran Khan led Pakistan and spearheaded the pace attack. With Imran still nursing a two-year-old injury, the visitors would have less to fear in the fast-bowling department while in the matter of spin bowling they have a slight edge over the hosts.

ITINERARY: Oct 12, one-day match, Quetta. Oct 14, one-day charity match, Rawalpindi. Oct 17-22, First Test, Lahore. Oct 24-29, Second Test, Faisalabad. Oct 31, one-day match Sialkot. Nov 2, one-day match, Peshawar. Nov 4-9 Third Test, Karachi. Nov 10 one-day benefit match, Karachi. Nov 11, departure.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: Aston Villa v Everton (7.0); Blackburn Rovers v Huddersfield Town (7.0); Coventry City v Sheffield United (7.0); Liverpool v West Bromwich Albion (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Stoke City (7.0). Second Division: Blackpool v Hull City (7.0); Grimsby Town v Preston NE (7.30); Leeds United v Rotherham United (7.0).
TOUR MATCH: Wycombe Wanderers v Canada XI (7.30).

TENNIS



Miss Croft and Miss Brown: Wightman Cup players

Britain will be served by the teenage set

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Two teenagers are in Britain's team to play the United States in the annual Wightman Cup contest, now sponsored by Nabisco, at the Albert Hall from November 1 to 3. They are Amanda Brown, aged 19, and Annable Croft, aged 18. Miss Brown played for Britain last July in the world team championship for the Federation Cup and Miss Croft deputized for Miss Hobbs, who was ill, in one of last year's Wightman Cup doubles.

Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs will represent the main thrust of Britain's challenge, each playing singles. They also form Britain's strongest doubles team. One of the teenagers will probably play the third singles and at least one (most likely Miss Brown) will also play the second strings's doubles possibly with Virginia Wade, the captain. Sue Mappin, *the team manager,* said yesterday: "It has been a pleasant change to have a wide choice for selection with several girls vying for positions".

Sue Baker, who has played seven Wightman Cup doubles with Miss Wade, has lost her place in the team after 10 consecutive appearances. In that time Miss Barker won five of her 18 singles and was on the winning side in three out of eight doubles.

Since Britain's last success, at the Albert Hall in 1978, they have only four out of 35 matches in five Wightman Cup contests. This time the US will be represented by Chris Lloyd, Kathy Jordan, Barbara Potter, Sharon Walsh and Gretchen Rush.

The Sunbeam mixed doubles tournament, to be played at the David Lloyd Club, Hounslow, from Sunday to Tuesday, will *include players who have won a* combined total of 50 Wimbledon championships in singles and doubles. The draw for the main event (there will also be a "pro-am" section) is: Fred Stolle and Billie Jean King v Manuel Santana and Francoise Durr or Mark Cox and Christine Janes; Roger Taylor and Evonne Cawley or Rod Laver *and* Rosie Casals v Roy Emerson and Viginia Wade.

WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM: A Brown, A Croft, J Durie, A Hobbs and V Wade.

BADMINTON

Miss Troke has her best chance to nail Miss Lie

By Richard Eaton

The 1984 Masters, which begins today with a new sponsor, British Airways, and a new venue, the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth, always contains a nuance of novelty. Five years ago at the Albert Hall it was the grand new event that ushered in open badminton–the first professional tournament of a circuit that has since developed encouragingly into a world-wide international Grand Prix.

Four years ago a London University student named Martin Dew was summoned from his books as last-minute substitute, and a *story stranger than fiction became* men's double's champion with Mike Tredgett before going on to form a world-class partnership for England.

Last year Helen Troke became England's first singles finalist and this year the 20-year-old European and Commonwealth champion from Southampton hopes for another first–a victory over Ivana Lie, the Indonesian No 1, who is steadily developing a reputation as Miss Troke's bogey player.

Last month Miss Lie, pert and persistent, denied Miss Trode the place in the World Cup semi-finals she had been seeded to reach. That, though, was in Miss Lie's home city of Jarkarta, where degrees and decibels create cauldrons of heat and noise.

Now *just a few miles down the* road from her own home city, England's No 1 will more than welcome the chance of revenge. "Having Ivana *in my group* is just what I want", she said. "Everything will be in my favour. I'm really out to do her at last."

If she succeeds, a place in the final is again a strong possibility, with Han Aiping, the 1983 World Cup winner from China, her likely rival. England's men singles players, Nick Yates, who today takes on Jens-Peter Nierhoff of Denmark, the holder, and Steve Baddeley, who plays Morton Frost, of Denmark, the All-England champion, and Icuk Sutiarto, of Indonesia, the world champion, are not without hope despite the quality of the opposition, though England's best opportunities are as usual in the doubles.

Dew and Tredgett will again be in action. Nora Perry and Gill Clark, the great new hopes of English badminton, will relish a chance of testing Will Dixi and Lin Ying, the world and All England champions, while Mrs Perry and Thomas Kihlstrom, of Sweden, the world champions, and Dew and Gillian Gilks have fine prospects of success in the mixed doubles.

YACHTING: At least seven *Australian syndicates, the biggest* number ever, are likely to challenge for the right to defend the America's Cup off the Western Australian coast *in* 1987. Twenty of the 24 expected foreign challengers have been approved as contenders, but three American syndicates have yet to respond to questionaires sent three months ago.

RACING: DAY OF MISFORTUNE FOR CHAMPION NATIONAL HUNT AND FLAT JOCKEYS AT CHELTENHAM AND YORK

Francome's fall puts him out for a week

John Francome was knocked out in fall at Cheltenham yesterday and has been automatically barred from riding for the next seven days. Don Giovanni, 7-4 on to complete a treble and give Francome his forty-second winner of the season, fell at the second fence in the Nailsworth Handicap Chase.

Francome lay unconscious while the field covered nearly a circuit of the course. He was able to walk to the ambulance but said later: "I don't remember a thing about it. I just feel stiff now." Francome's misfortune enabled John Burke, on Chelsea Island, to enjoy a winning ride on his first day back after a five-week absence following a broken collarbone at Southwell.

Burke, riding his first winner of the season, produced the 12-1 shot with perfect timing coming to the last to beat Dennis Auburn by four lengths. He told the winning owner-trainer, Bill Taylor, a Worcester fruit merchant, that Chelsea Island is the best jumper he has ever sat on – quite a tribute from a jockey who has won both the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National.

Burke had expected Gambling Prince to give him a winning return in the Churchdown Handicap Chase but the 11-4 favourite, who has a history of back trouble, was always travelling and jumping badly in the rear. The race went to the top weight, *Half Free, who came from* well off the pace in a very fast race to peg back Foggy Buoy on the flat.

Progressive Kyoto to make most of fitness advantage

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

John Jenkins has proved a highly profitable trainer to follow in the opening months of the National Hunt season and at Cheltenham today *Kyoto* can keep his supporters in a happy frame of mind by winning the Studd Challenge Cup.

Three victories at Newton Abbot already this season have pointed to the overall well-being of the six-year-old, particularly his latest effort, which indicated that he has improved since the spring.

He has a difficult task today against the likes of Iden Green, Western Rose, Lucyfar and For Good, *but the way that he gave* North Yard, Tudor Rose, Spencers Lane and The Galnea Man more than a stone and a thrashing in the West Country last month suggested that he could easily be equal to it, especially as his rivals may not yet be cherry-ripe.

Iden Green, who won his last five races last season, has done plenty of ground work in readiness for this, his first race of the autumn, but I doubt his ability to concede 11lb to my nap.

On this occasion I regard For Good, from Neville Crump's famous Middleham yard, as the greater danger, especially as he should be the sharper for his recent race at Carlisle.

No matter how For Good fares, Captain Crump's *journey* from North Yorkshire to Gloucestershire should not be in vain as he appears to have an excellent chance of winning the Cirencester Handicap Chase with Imperial Black, who has already jumped round Cheltenham successfully.

Morwray Boy, runner-up in the Cambridgeshire last Saturday, makes a swift reappearance in the Hongkong Marlboro Cup at York. Steve Norton would not be bringing Morwray Boy out again so soon unless he considered the four-year-old had an outstanding chance of picking up this handsome consolation prize.

I am content to go along with his *judgment and, as Polly's Brother is* not guaranteed to last a mile, Portlaw and Jamais Deriere look the biggest dangers to Morwray Boy.

Marlboro Hongkong have also sponsored the Sha Tin Nursery, which should be won by Polykratis, whose cause at Ascot recently was not improved when Tour d' Or hung across him in the final furlong.

Tour d' Or won again at Bath on Monday and now I expect Polykratis to uphold the Ascot form at the expense of Ever So, who won a similar race, the Yorkshire Fine Wines Cup, at Redcar recently.

Dafayna, a full sister to that good horse, Dalsaan, and herself the winner of the Blue Seal Stakes at Ascot 12 days ago, should remain unbeaten by winning the Hongkong Stakes, *where her principal rival is* likely to be Henry Cecil's newcomer, Velvet.




Record colt likely to go to O'Brien

David O'Brien (above) is expected to train the Shergar colt which set a new European record of £3.1m Irish guineas at Goffs Invitation Sale at Kill on Tuesday night. As the handsome son of the 1981 Derby winner was led away under police escort, his departure from the paddocks was supervised by O'Brien, who trained Secreto to win this year's Derby.

The colt was bought by Shaikh Mohammed, who already has a couple of high-priced yearlings, purchased *at Keeneland this* summer, in training with O'Brien. A year ago, the same colt, out of Nijinsky mare, Galletto, set a record *for a foal at public auction* when knocked down to the Camas Park Stud for 325,000 guineas.

● David O'Brien plans to saddle Alydar's Best, his impressive Leopardstown winner, in Sunday's Grand Criterium at Longchamp

Carson given rough ride by punters

By John Karter

Jockeys might have voted York streets ahead of the rest in a recent poll to establish their favourite racecourse, but if you had asked *Willie Carson, whether he shared* that sentiment yesterday you could not have blamed him for giving an extremely rude answer.

Carson received *the sort of hostile* treatment usually reserved for jockeys of beaten favourites in France after he had been left about *150* yards at the start of the BBC Radio Humberside Handicap on the odds-on favourite, Rough Stones, who is owned by the Queen.

The Royal jockey looked shaken as he returned to extensive and aggressive booing, both as he passed the post a long way last of the four *runners behind Tropical Way and* also when he brought Rough Stones into the unsaddling enclosure. Indeed, one irate punter gave vent *to his feelings by leaning over the* rail and hurling a pint of beer over the champion in the last 100 yards of the race.

Later, far from the madding crowd, Carson's reaction was simply to say: "Some people are just terrible losers." His official explanation, which was accepted by the stewards afterwards, was that Rough Stones had reared up onto his hind legs as the stalls opened and come down with his head in the stall next door.

Carson would certainly not have been alone in his disagreement with the jockeys' verdict on York. Before *Rough Stones, not one of the other* five favourites had obliged and with two 12-1 winners and one at 10-1, a poll of punters as they walked from the course on a carpet of torn betting slips would probably have produced blunt Yorkshire replies.

Mind you, if you were one of those rare and perfect souls whose interest in horse racing has nothing to do with gambling, there was plenty, apart from the Carson incident, to titillate the palate.

Richard Hills's expertly-ridden double on Amigo Loco and Charming View, together with Pat Eddery's supremely confident handling of Christian Schad in the opening Radio Sheffield Stakes, made compulsive viewing.

The most compulsive listening, however, arose out of the victory of Ernie Bilko, who became *Colin Tinkler's* first winner at York.

Ernie Bilko had been one of five horses involved in a hair-raising incident just a week previously when the brakes on the horsebox carrying the five over the moors to Redcar races failed.

The box plunged down a one-in-six hill into the small market town of Castleton, knocking over a cow, but somehow missing all the townsfolk.

One horse needing a few stitches and Ernie Bilko with a slightly cut mouth were, amazingly, the only casualties. Tinkler told us yesterday that Ernie Bilko does best on straight courses because he does not like going round bends. After his *experiences, you just had to* sympathize.

YORK

GOING: good to soft
Draw: low numbers best
Tote: Double: 3.5, 4.5. Treble: 2.30, 3.35, 4.35.

2.0 HONG KONG STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £3,850: 6f) (9 runners)

1 1 DAFAYNA (D) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-1 W R Swinburn 6
4 00 CADENETTE (B Storton) M Camacho 8-8 N Connorton 1
5 33 DARNIT (D Needham) J Etherington 8-8 T Ives 4
6 0 DONA BRAGANZA (Mrs S Grace) R Armstrong 8-8 P Robinson 5
7 000 LAUGHING MATTER (BF) (R Sangster) M W Easterby 8-8 M Birch 7
9 ROZEYNEH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Thomson Jones 8-8 A Murray 3
10 03 RUSSELL CREEK (K Jaffa) C Booth 8-8 R Hills 8
12 000 THE HUYTON FLYER (J Harrison) M James 8-8 A Mackay 2
13 VELVET (J McNaughton) H Cecil 8-8 L Piggott 9

1983: Betsy Bay 8-1 B Raymond (100-30) M Jarvis 9 ran.
8-11 Dafayna, 5-2 Velvet, 6 Royeyneh, 10 Darnit, 12 Russell Creek, 16 others.

FORM: DAFAYNA (8-8) promising debut when beating Silko (8-3) at Ascot (6f, £3,662, good, Sept 29, 18 ran). DARNIT (8-11) beaten 6½l in 3rd by comfortable winner Gentileschi (9-0) (6f, £2,333, good, Oct 6, 14 ran). DONA BRAGANZA (8-11) 13l 11th to Tundra Goose (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, £4,911, good, Oct 4, 27 ran).
SELECTION: DAFAYNAN

2.30 THE PEAK SELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,941: 1m 2f 110yd) (12)

1 43-0040 KARAMOUN (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-7 W R Swinburn 4
2 0032 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE (Penllyne Haulage) W Hastings-Bass 9-4 T Ives 5
3 010400 JUST AUTUMN (J Rogers) A Jarvis 9-4 J Lowe 3
4 0-000 ALVA GLEN (G Cumming) W Musson 9-2 P Robinson 1
6 0-00000 AQUARIUS SPIRIT (Mrs W Fine) W Musson 9-0 P Waldron 9
7 430000 BOB-DOUBLE (R Lee) R Whitaker 8-12 S Perks 12
8 000400 STEPPING OUT (Bell Amusements Ltd) E Eldin 8-12 J Reid 6
9 302302 WILLOW TWIG (W Barker) Miss S Hall 8-12 M Birch 11
11 044000 TELE-LINK (B) (Tele-Link Archives) D Arbuthnot 8-9 S Cauthen 8
12 000400 BLUECHER (Mrs C Britain) C Brittain 8-8 R Fox 7
14 000-000 LANHYDROCK (B Skirton) M Camacho 8-4 N Connorton 10
15 0000 HEATHER ROSE (B) (D Hefin Jones) P Calver 8-1 M Fry 2

1983: Six O Six Auction 9-1 G Duffield (12-1) C Thornton 14 ran.
5-2 Alva Glen, 7-2 Pennlynes Pride, 5 Just Autumn, 6 Karamoun, 13-2 Willow Twig, 8 Bob-Double, 10 Aquarius Spirit, 12 others.

FORM: KARAMOUN (10-10) out of first 10 behind Flaming Pearl (10-6) at Haydock, earlier (9-0) 2½l 4th to Maldoror (9-0) at Beverley with BLUECHER (8-6) 8½l 7th to Alayyam (8-10) in June, earlier (8-4) 2½l 5th to Aroma (8-6) at Windsor (1m 2f, £2,906, good, June 18, 12 ran). BOB DOUBLE (7-12) 5½l 5th to Abu Kadra (9-1) at Doncaster with PENLLYNE'S PRIDE (8-2) about a neck away 7th (1m 2f, £10,672, good to soft, Sept 13, 9 ran). STEPPING OUT (7-13) 10th to Snow Tree (9-6) at Yarmouth (1m 3.5f), earlier (9-0) 5½l 4th to Tamino (8-11) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £1,020, good to firm, Aug 14, 12 ran). WILLOW TWIG (9-0) 2½l 2nd to Forage (9-0) at Ripon (1m 2f, £2,302, good to firm, Aug 28, 9 ran).
SELECTION: STEPPING OUT

3.5 HONG KONG MARLBORO CUP (Handicap: £13,090: 1m) (15)

1 100000 LARIONOV (CD) (Mrs P Rossdale) J Winter 4-9-10 W R Swinburn 9
2 300201 POLLY'S BROTHER (C) (Mrs C Geraghty) M H Easterby 6-9-9 (8 ex) K Hodgson 14
6 213203 LAK LUSTRE (CD) (L Sloan) R Fisher 5-9-3 J Lowe 4
10 33-3112 PORTLAW (D) (S Niarchos) J Tree 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 2
11 130612 MORWRAY BOY (D) (R Wray) S Norton 4-8-6 T Williams 3 12
12 000000 JOHNNY NOBODY (D) (J Bergin) H Blackshaw 4-8-5 NON RUNNER 15
13 000041 JAMAIS DERIERRE (CD) (Mrs C Block) C Booth 3-8-4 (5 ex) R Hills 1
15 010100 DUNANT (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-7-13 R Fox 8
16 031202 JOYFUL DANCER (D) (D How) P Cole 4-7-12 T Quinn 11
17 023042 HELLO SUNSHINE (C) (Mrs L Burage) L Holt 5-7-9 N Adams 5 10
18 000100 ROMOSS (D) (F Lafferty Lts) R Whitaker 6-7-9 K Darley 3
19 013121 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN (D) (Racegoers Club) C Thornton 3-7-7 (5 ex) S Dawson 5
20 223001 GO BANANA'S (D) (Mrs K Ivory) K Ivory 3-7-7 L Charnock 13
21 000342 NAGARRO (Mrs C Rhian Jones) W Musson 4-7-7 A Mackay 5
23 000020 WORLINGTON (D) (G Hubbard) M Ryan 5-7-7 M L Thomas 7

1983: Lion City 4-9-0 L Piggott (5-2 fav) E Eldin 10 ran.
9-2 Go Bananas, 5 Jamais Derriere, 6 Lak Lustre, Portlaw, 7 Joyful Dancer, 8 Polly's Brother, Mount Tumbledown, Morwray Boy, 10 Hello Sunshine, 12 Larionov, 15 others.

FORM: LAK LUSTRE (8-8) 9½l 3rd to Hadim (8-4) at Ayr (1m 3f), earlier (8-0) impressive 2l winner from Christmas Cottage (8-2) at Newcastle (7f, £7585, good to soft, Apr 21, 11 ran). PORTLAW (8-9) 2½l 2nd to Coting Season (8-12) at Newmarket (8f, £10,067, good, July 21, 8 ran). MORWRAY *BOY (8-3) neck 2nd to Leysh (8-7) in the Cambrieshire at Newmarket,* DUNANT (8-2) and ROMOSS (7-11) in rear (9f, £34,570, good, Oct 6, 34 ran). JAMAIS DERIERRE (8-8) pushed out to beat Daleside Redwood (8-8) by 1½l at Newmarket (8f, £4,472, good, Oct 3, 6 ran). JOYFUL DANCER (8-8) 1l runner up to Macarthurs Head (8-10) at Ascot (8f, £5,445, good to firm, Sept 27, 9 ran). GO BANANAS (9-7) won well to beat Prince Possum (8-0) 10l at Goodwood (6f, £2,948, good to soft, Oct 3, 13 ran).
Selection: JAMAIS DERIERRE.

3.35 SHA TIN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £7,895: 6f) (11)

1 03210 TRY NORDAN (D) (Nordan Ltd) M Camacho 9-7 T Ives 5
2 12 POLYKRATIS (M Peratloos) M Francis 9-1 Paul Eddery 3
3 112 SWINGING GOLD (BF) (T Wilson) T Barron 8-13 W Carson 11
4 3103 BROWN BEAR BOY (D) (F Northcott) R Armstrong 8-13 L Piggott 6
5 00231 ARMORAD (D) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-10 (6 ex) S Cauthen 7
6 221440 QUALITAIR FLYER (Qualitair Ltd) K Stone 8-7 W Ryan 3 4
8 0423 FRISCO (P Kilner) C Thornton 8-6 J Bleasdale 1
9 0011 EVER SO (D) (Lord Matthews) Mrs C Reavey 8-5 (6 ex) A Bond 8
10 33314 STOCK HILL LASS (D) (Mrs M Fairbairn) M Blanshard 8-4 N Adams 5 10
11 0200 STAR'S DELIGHT (W Hau) F Carr 8-3 J Carr 7 9
12 000 GWILLIM ENTERPRISE (D Gwilliam) P Felgate 7-7 R Fox 2

1983: Melaura Belle 8-3 W Carson (10-1) T Barron 18 ran.
6-4 Polykratis, 11-4 Ever So, 4 Armorad, 6 Stock Hill Lass, 8 Swinging Guard, 12 Brown Bear Boy, 16 others.

FORM: TRY NORDAN (9-5) 5¾l 6th to Al Sylah (9-7) at Haydock (6f, £5,306, good, Oct 8, 12 ran). POLYKRATIS (8-11) 2½l 2nd to Tor D'Or (8-11) at Ascot (7f, £7,272, good to firm, Sept 28, 8 ran). SWINGING GOLD (8-2) ¾l 2nd to Rahash (8-11) at Redcar (5f, £1,909, good to firm, Sep 18, 10 ran). BROWN BEAR BOY (9-5) 5½l 3rd to Cragside (8-10) at Newmarket (6f, £8,508, good, Oct 8, 12 ran). ARMORAD (9-5) 3l winner from Sir Wimore (9-0) 2l 3rd to Peckitts Well (8-4) at Ayr (6f, £4,383, soft, Sept 21, 14 ran). EVER SO (8-1) ½l winner from Ambit (8-7) at Redcar (6f, £3,646 good, Sept 28, 13 ran). *STOCK HILL LASS (8-6) 9½l 4th to Deniyar (8-13) at Newbury (7f, £5,584* good, Sept 21, 12 ran.
Selection: EVER SO

York selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Dafayna. 2.30 Aquarius Spirit. 3.5 Morwray Boy. 3.35 Polykratis. 4.5 Bulrush. 4.35 Parliament.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Velvet. 2.30 Aquarius Spirit. 3.5 Dunant. 3.35 Brown Bear Boy. 4.5 Deramin. 4.35 Parliament.

By Michael Seely
3.5 *Go Banana's.* 3.35 *Polykratis.*

4.5 KOWLOON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £4,076: 7f) (16)

1 AUCHINLEA (A Leggat) J W Watts 9-0 B Raymond 8
2 0 BABSLAD (T Howarth) R Stubbs 9-0 D Nicholls 1
3 BULRUSH (Mrs A Plesch) W Hern 9-0 W Carson 10
4 400 COMPANY MAGIC (M Murphy) P Brookshaw 9-0 W Ryan 3 16
5 COUNT COLOURS (S Norton) S Norton 9-0 C Ollivier 11
7 03 DERAMIN (D O Callaghan) D Morley 9-0 G Duffield 13
10 HANDLEBAR (Mrs M Haggas) J W Watts 9-0 T Ives 2
11 00 JUST A HALF (F Markland) D McCain 9-0 S Cauthen 9
13 0 LOCH LADDIE (H Yates) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 12
16 4000 SADIN (S Davies) J Leigh 9-0 M Wigham 5
17 0 SILVER CANNON (P Wetzel) S Norton 9-0 J Lowe 4
18 SPITE AND MALICE (Miss A Whitfield) M Francis 9-0 Paul Eddery 15
19 0000 ST HELENS BOY (P Doherty) L Lightbrown 9-0 P Bloomfield 3 3
22 0 GOLDEN SECRET (G Ferrigno Ltd) B McMahon 8-11 R Cochrane 6
23 GOLNESSA (J Underwood) M Lambert 8-11 D Oldham 7
24 40 I WANT TO BE (Shaikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11 Pat Eddery 14

1983: Secret Way 8-11 S Cauthen (8-1) W Hern 19 ran.
9-4 Bulrush, 5-2 I Want To Be, 3 Silver Cannon, 5 Deramin, 10 Sadin, 16 others.

FORM: BABSLAD (8-7) over 8l 11th to Downing Street (8-11) at Doncaster (6f, £2,550, good to soft, Sept 14, 15 ran). DERAMIN (9-0) had COMPANY LEAVE (9-0) back in 10th and Sadin (9-0) 11th when 1½l 3rd to Asticot (9-0) at Beverley (6f, £975, good, Sept 27, 13 ran). JUST A HALF (9-0) 8l 6th to Gentileschi (9-0) *at Haydock (5f, £2,333, good, Oct 6, 14 ran). SILVER CANNON (9-0)* beaten over 12l by Armorad (9-0) at Nottingham (6f, £1,660, firm, Oct 3, 22 ran). I WANT TO BE (8-8) 7¾l 6th to Dayfayna (8-6) at Ascot (6f, £8,662, good, Sept 29, 18 ran).
Selection: I WANT TO BE.

4.35 HAPPY VALLEY STAKES (£3,002: 1m 4f) (6)

1 1/3313- JOHN FRENCH (C St George) D Oughton 4-9-9 L Piggott 2
2 00-3411 PARLIAMENT (Mrs P Stokes) O Douieb 4-9-6 S Cauthen 3
3 23-0011 LUMINATE (D) (J Rowles) J Dunlop 3-8-9 W Carson 5
4 320111 *SOVEREIGN HONEY (D) (A Norman-Thorpe) W Guest 3-8-3* A Bond 1
5 0 RIBAX (A Snipe) M Leach 3-8-1 W Ryan 6
7 009 NEAR ENOUGH (Mrs J Pygott) C Spares 3-7-12 A Mackay 4

1983: Gay Lemur 3-8-12 G Baxter (3-1) B Hobbs 5 ran.
Evens Parliament, 6-4 John French, 7-2 Luminate, 12 Sovereign Honey, 20 others.

FORM: JOHN FRENCH (8-10) 1¾l 3rd to Caerleon (8-10) in the Benson And Hedges Gold Cup at York (1m 2.5f, £93,980, good to soft, Aug 16, 1983, 9 ran). PARLIAMENT (9-5) beat Millbow (8-12) by 1l at Nottingham with NEAR ENOUGH (7-13) 16l away 8th (1m 2f, £2,648, firm, Oct 3, 12 ran). LUMINATE (9-3) beat Whispering Grass (9-3) a comfortable 1l at Beverley (1m 4f, £1,760, good, Sept 27, 12 ran).
Selection: JOHN FRENCH.

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GOING: firm
Tote double: 3.20, 4.30. Treble: 2.45, 3.55, 5.0.

2.15 GOTHERINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,455: 2m) (8 runners)

1 0-1 NORTHORPE (D) (R Collins) W G Morris 5-11-6 W Morris 4
2 P093-21 NO-U-TURN (D) (S Tindall) 6-11-6 M Perrett
4 VOYANT (D Adams) R Perkins 5-11-1 Dai Williams
8 P00- KEMALOCK (C Curl) Miss A King 4-11-0 J Suthern
9 4 KUWAIT SUN (P Green) M Tate 4-11-0 P Scudamore
13 WESTERN WARRIOR (C Roach) 4-11-0 B Wright
15 43300-2 MAGGIES GIRL (Mrs M Whiteman) Denys Smith 5-10-10 C Grant
16 SHESGOTIT (Mrs I Miller) W Fisher 4-10-9 G Bradley

1983: Gringo 4-11-5 J Francome (3-1) N Henderson 9 ran.
9-4 No-U-Turn, 7-2 Northorpe, 9-2 Kuwait Sun, 5 Maggies Girl, 8 Voyant, 12 Sheesgotit.

2.45 STUDD CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £3,843: 2m) (9)

1 211111- IDEN GREEN (D) (P Hanneford) D Grissell 7-11-10 M Perrett
3 31-1311 KYOTO (D) (B Monkhouse) J Jenkins 6-10-13 S Smith Eccles
4 24020-2 WESTERN ROSE (CD) (BF) (J Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 12-10-10 S Morshead
5 2441F-4 LUCYFAR (D) (R Smith) F Walwyn 6-10-9 S Shilston
6 F340-01 FALKLAND PALACE (D) (A Ese) D Gandolfo 7-10-9 (7 ex) R Earnshaw
8 340001- RESTLESS SHOT (CD) (P Richmond-Watson) J Webber 9-10-3 G McCourt
9 22242-3 FOR GOOD (D) (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 7-10-2 C Hawkins
11 284/4-PU FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS *(M Sanderson) Miss A Sinclair 9-10-0* R Dunwoody
14 436/440- ROINEVAL (CD) (M Smith & Son) M Tate 11-10-0 P Scudamore

1983: Pounentes 6-10-6 J J O'Neill (11-2) W McGhie 10 ran.
7-2 Kyoto, 4 Western Rose, 5 Lucyfar, 6 Falkland Palace, 7 For Good, 8 Iden Green,

3.20 DEERHURST HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,176: 3m 1f) (12)

3 0113-11 BENI (H Handel) M Pipe 8-11-7 Miss H Handel 7
4 41F0/42 AVOGEM (C) (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-3 S Morshead
5 4112-10 MISTER PITT (J Brooks) T M Jones 5-11-2 G McCourt
6 20000/4- CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE (H Thomson) N Gaselee 7-11-1 S Smith-Eccles
7 0F4433- MON'S BEAU (M Vine) D Grissell 9-11-0 J Akehurst
8 03010-1 ON THE WARPATH (Mrs E Boucher) D Oughton 5-11-0 (6 ex) P Double
9 310-233 DROPSHOT (B) (G Moses) G Balding 9-10-12 R Chapman 4
11 00-0172 BEAU WINK (B) (D) (B Key) B Key 11-10-8 Miss D Key 7
12 21-F220 FREE CHOICE (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 6-10-7 R Dunwoody
13 10003-2 FLOATING LOVER (C) (BF) (C Mitchell) N Mitchell 5-10-5 B Powell 4
14 021002- MARIDAN (B) (J Lewis) J Roberts 5-10-3 P Croucher 4
16 421031 LAST OF THE FOXES (D) (W Tyrleton Davies) N Davies 11-10-0 (6 ex) Miss G Armytage 7

1983: Cambridge Gold 9-10-5 C Smith (8-1) M Tate 9 ran.
3 Avogem, 4 Beni, 11-2 Dropshot, 6 On The Warpath, 7 Beau Wink, 8 Floating Lover,

3.55 CIRENCESTER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,739: 3m) (5)

2 0034P0- SCOT LANE (C,D) (T Isherwood) M Tate 11-11-7 C Smith
3 2160F-3 IMPERIAL BLACK (CD) (T Webster) N Crump 8-10-11 C Hawkins
4 3131P-F HY-KO (Mrs M Brubaker) D Gandolfo 8-10-7 R Earnshaw
5 4212F-1 KUMBI (D) (D Lunt) D McCain 9-10-4 (6 ex) S Smith-Eccles
6 30000-3 DON SABREUR (CD) (D Pearman) D Pearman 7-10-1 P Barton

1983: Don Sabreur 6-10-2 P Scudamore (15-2) D Pearman 6 ran.
7-4 Imperial Black, 5-2 Kumbi, 100-30 Hy-Ko, 5 Scot Lane, 8 Don Sabreur.

4.30 GOTHERINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,452: 2m) (7)

1 11 SAUSAGE (D Hebditch) L Kennard 4-11-10 B Powell 4
2 6-3241 CHARCOAL WALLY (D) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-11-6 R Linley
3 P- BELMONT AIR (P Hopkins) J Gifford 6-11-1 R Rowe
6 900- FORCE OF DESTINY (M Josephs) N Gaselee 5-11-1 D Browne
8 0-2 HIMOORE (K Higson) A Moore 5-11-1 G Moore
9 THE CURATE (B) (T Curtis) D Elsworth 6-11-1 C Brown
15 00- TRIBAL SMOKE (I Landless) I Landless 4-11-0 R Dickin

1983: Kalemont 4-11-0 R Rowe (13-8 fav) J Gifford 9 ran.
7-4 Sausage, 3 Charcoal Wally, 5 The Curate, 6 Himoore, 10 Belmont Air, 12 Force Of Destiny, 14 Tribal Smoke.

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By Mandarin
2.15 Kuwait Sun. 2.45 KYOTO (nap). 3.20 On The Warpath. 3.55 Imperial Black. 4.30 Charcoal Wally. 5.0 Run To Me. 5.30 Silver Keys.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 FOR GOOD (nap).

***5.0 NOTGROVE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE** (£3,043: 2m 4f) (8)*

2 10F222- CLONCORMICK (M Bradstock) F Walwyn 9-11-7 M Bradstock 7
5 3130-21 RUN TO ME (D) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 9-11-2 (7 ex) N Mitchell 4
6 110-422 TAKEAFENCE (B) (D) (Mrs M Henriques) M Henriques 6-10-7 A J Wilson
7 0UP-PP POLAR EXPRESS (T King) W King 9-10-7 S Sherwood
9 230322 STATE RUN (D) (M Low) M Low 9-10-7 M Low 4
11 02/P240- CRAWFORD CROSS (Mrs P Tory) T Tory 10-10-7 E Whettam
12 PP-0 GLEN THOMAS (P Clarke) R Howe 10-10-7 P Clarke
13 400P-P4 FARRANASTIG (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 11-10-7 T Mitchell

1983: Master Davenport 11-11-5 Mr G Mernagh (2-1) J Webber 8 ran.
11-4 Cloncormick, 3 State Run, 4 Takeafence, 6 Run To Me, 8 Crawford Cross,

5.30 GRUNWICK STAKES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS (NH Flat Race: £968: 2m) (20)

4 ARMOUR STAR (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 5-11-8 P Corrigan
5 ASHCOMBE (Mrs T Bulgin) T Bulgin 5-11-8 R Arnott
7 00-0 CHICKEN SHACK (P Barrett) B Morgan 5-11-8 G Williams
10 PRINCE VIDAR (Miss P Neal) Miss P Neal 5-11-6 P Holley
17 0 BASIL THYME (W Donahue) J M Bradley 4-11-5 Sharron James
18 030- BEARCONE (A Portman) A Portman 4-11-5 P Croucher
21 0- CHURTON BOY (W Morris) J Webber 4-11-5 M Jenkins
23 DONPERRY (W Taylor) W Taylor 4-11-5 –
26 00 IVOR'S KID (B Wheatley) M Pipe 4-11-5 –
27 00- MISTER HAMMY (C Bravery) C Bravery 4-11-5 K Nicholls
30 PRINCE MOON (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 4-11-5 S Gilmore
31 0-0 SELBORNE STAR (P Nevet-Narnes) C H Bell 4-11-5 –
34 WAFFY-FRYER (G Hubbard) J Gifford 4-11-5 E Murphy
35 0 CAR GEE (Mrs S Court) R Juckes 5-11-1 –
38 - CLEAR FORECAST (J Bishop) R Hodges 4-11-0 C Cox
39 DOWNS MANDATE (C White) Mrs R Lomax 4-11-0 T Williams
41 00-0 MEDIA LEADER (D Lachman) R Hodges 4-11-0 S Earle
43 0 SAUCY MOP (J A D Engineering) P M Taylor 4-11-0 S McDonald
44 2 SILVER KEYS (BF) (Mrs B Davis) M Pipe 4-11-0 P A Farrell
45 00 SISTER SAM (B Clarke) G Morgan 4-11-0 W Hayes

1983: Tudor Jester 4-11-5 M Palmer (9-2) J Gifford 18 ran.
13-8 Silver Keys, 7-2 Armour Star, 5 Waffy-Fryer, 8 Churton Boy, 10 Media Leader,

York results

Going: GOOD.

2.05 (1m): 1, CHRISTIAN SCHAD (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Double Benz (M Birch, 5-2); 3, Greetland Dancer (D Nicholls, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Booming, 6 Hazaristan (6th), 12 *Commanding General* (4th), 16 Dream Merchant, Grand Occasion, 25 Red Ensign, 33 Don Runi (5th). 10 ran. ¾l, 3l, 5l, ¾l, 2l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.90; 1.30, 1.30, £1.90. DF: £5.70. CSF: £18.44. 1min 44.12 sec.

2.35 (1m 2f 110yd): 1, TOCKALA (K Hodgson, 5-1); 2, Quickstep (J Lowe, 8-1); 3, Star of Ireland (M Wigham, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Crampon (6th), Florida Sun, My Tootsie, 17-2 Pichincha (5th), 11 Swiss Franc Sweety, 14 Tophams Taverns (4th), 33 Burbridge Dancer, Barndoro. 11 ran. 3l, 1½l, 1¾l, ¾l, 5l. EWeumes at Leyburn. TOTE £7.10: £2.78, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £34.10. CSF: £41.57 TRICAST: £174.88. 2min 16.69sec.

3.10 (5f): 1, AMIGO LOCO (R Hills, 10-1); 2, Rambling River (J Lowe, 6-1); 3, Quaver (G Baxter, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Cree Bay (5th), Karen's Star (5th), 7 Saint Crespin Bay, 10 Conrara (4th), Russian Winter. NR: Our Dynasty, New Express. 8 ran. ½l, ¾l, sh hd ½l. K Brassey at Upper Lambourn. TOTE: £13.50: £3.10, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £39.50. CSF: £49.58. TRICAST £194.27. 1min 1.10sec. Ardrox Lad was withdrawn not under orders – *Rule four applies to all bets, deduction 10p in the pound.*

3.40 (6f) 1, CHARMING VIEW (R Hills, 12-1); 2, Pokey (M Hindley, 11-1); 3, Duck Flight (S Cauthen, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Ask A Question (4th), Good Breeze, 12 Mattye Lee, Brega Diamond, Caffre Lily, Golden Disc. 14 First Lot, Lady Wilde, Nekot Prince, Tutbury. 16 Ardonald, Paris Trader (5th). 20 Hannah's Birthday, Vintage Lady (6th). 25 Craigs Venture, *Red Dale Boy, Dame Decoy,* Selster, Warthill Lady. NR: Learns Streak. 22 ran (1½l, nk, 5l, ½l, nk. Hot Jones at Malton. TOTE: £9.20: £2.30, £4.10, £1.60. DF: £22.10. CSF: £147.90. 1m 15.42 secs. No bid.

4.15 (7f) 1, ERNIE BILKO (G Dickie, 12-1); 2, Numchuck (W Carson, 11-2); 3, More My Scent (R Lines, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Star Formation (5th), 8 Fairways Girl (4th), 10 Dual Venture, Hot Girl. 11 Iscanot, Main Star 16 Quaker Boy, 20 Free Go, Grumble. 25 Free Go, Grumble. 25 Lord Sinclair (6th). 33 Pokey's Pet 14 ran 2l, ½l, 1l, 2½l, 2½l. C Tinkler, Malton. TOTE: £14.20: £3.30, £2.70, £3.40. DF: £54.60. CSF: £76.60. TRICAST: £441 49. 1m 29.14 secs.

4.45 (1m 6f) 1, TROPICAL WAY (J Mercer, 6-4); 2, Vaguely Sharp (Pat Eddery, 20-1); 3, Fen Tiger (S Parks, 13-2). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Rough Stones (4th) 4 ran 5l, 1½l, 10l. F Wa'wynd Lambourn. TOTE: £2.40. DF: £9.80. CSF: £14.92. 3m 12.77 secs. *TOTE DOUBLE* £506.90. TREBLE: £109.90. PLACEPOT: £37 70.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 2.30 race: Tele-Link, Heather Rose.

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GOING: firm.

2.15 (3m chase) 1, ARCTIC BEAU (P Dever, 11-10 fav); 2, Good Trade (Dai Williams, 11-4); 3, Take Flight (J Bryan, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Slippery Prince (P.U.), 8 Gazaan (4th), 50 First Award (U.R.), 56 Poor Excuse (5th). 7 ran. 4l, 12l, 6l. J Thorne at Bridgwater. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.60. DF £2.70. CSF: £4.15.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, TAFFY JONES (P Barton, 7-2); 2, Cloudwalker (R Chapman, 8-1); 3, Kalamont (R Rowe, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav *Monza (5th)*, 7 Dick's Folly, 10 Franciscus, 33 *American Girl* (6th). 8 ran. 1l, nk, 1½l, 8l, 8l. M McCormack at Wantage. Tote: £5.00; £1.30, £3.10, £2.10. DF: £37.40. CSF: £28.24.

3.20 (2m 4f chase) 1, HALF FREE (R Linley, 9-2); 2, *Foggy Buoy (A Webber, 3-1); 3, Snow Blessed* (C Grant, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Gambling Prince (5th), 7 Cnoc Na Cuille (4th), 12 Winterland (6th). 6 ran. ½l, 4l, 12l, 20l, 25l. F T Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £1.90. DF: £8.80. CSF: £15.41.

3.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, OUR FUN (M Palmer, 8-1); 2, Alfie Dickens (D Carcary, 9-4); 3, Keithson (L Hicks, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Hill-Street-Blues (4th), 5 Grundy Glow (u/r), 14 Narsinh (5th). 6 ran. ½l, 8l, 3l, 7l. J T Gifford at Findon. TOTE: £11.10; £2.60, £1.70. DF: £15 70. CSF: £25.37.

4.30 (2m c h) 1, CHELSEA ISLAND (J Burke, 12-1); 2, Dennis Auburn (R Crank, 7-2); 3, Fair Babu (Mr L Kirkby, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Don Giovanni (fell), 33 Boyne Hill (4th). 5 ran. NR: Rouspeter. 4l, 1l, 20l. W H Taylor at Whitington. TOTE: £11.20; £2.70, £2.10. DF: £13.30. CSF: £47.13.

5.0 (2m hdle) 1, ANYTHING ELSE (B Reilly, 9-2); 2, Just Blake (R Campbell, 8-1); 3, Whiskey Eyes (M Perrett, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Mariners Dream (5th), 9 Sharp and Ready, 16 Beat the Retreat (4th), 16 Alexandra Palace, Billow, 20 Free Buck (u/r), 33 More Tender (pu), Sterling Virtue (fell), 50 Derings (6th), Mischievous Jack, Music My Son (fell), Nicky's Knight, Raffles Tower, Stockalgn, Grafton Manor, Mayspring. 19 ran. 4l, 1l, 2l, 10l, 4l. R *Hannon at Marlborough.* TOTE: £4.90; £2.40, £2.70, £1.20. DF: £19.30. CSF: £40.58. TOTE DOUBLE £202.00. TREBLE: £195.30. *PLACE-POT* £227.96.

Doncaster acceptors

WILLIAM HILL FUTURITY STAKES (Group 1, 2-y-o, 1m, Doncaster, October 27: Alyder's Best, Bazook, Brave Bambino, Cadmium, Chance Ina Million, Concert Hall, Copley, Damister, Geperd, Great Reef, Gulpher, Highfire, Kalkour, Lanfranco.

Law Society, Local Suitor, Midnight Tiger, Northern Pride, Northern River, Old Bailey, Otabari, Rahib, Ravensdale Forest, River *Drummer*, Rivlia, Rodrigue, Royal Coach, Royal Harmony, Sabona, Sharp Romance.

Sheer Cliff, Singer's Tryst, Solo Native, Sunstart, Synefo's, Timber Tool, Tour D'Or, Triptych, Truckdator, Vertige, Wasil, Wassl Merbayeh, Young Runaway. 43 first acceptors. Next acceptance stage: four-day declarations.

Law Report October 11 1984 Court of Appeal

Hasselblad cannot sue on letter to EEC

Hasselblad (GB) Ltd v Orbinson

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice May

[Judgment delivered October 10]

Since this country was a member of the European Community there was a public interest in ensuring that the *Commission* was not frustrated in its duty of enforcing compliance with articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty, the Court of *Appeal* held by a majority and further held that the public interest was sufficiently strong to override the right of a litigant to have an *allegation* that his private right had been infringed investigated by the court in a defamation action for damages for libel.

The court *in reserved judgments,* Lord Justice May dissenting, dismissed an appeal by plaintiffs, Hasselblad (GB) Ltd, from Mr Justice Comyn's *judgment* of March 1, 1984 for the defendant, Mr Kenneth Orbinson, on the plaintiffs' claim for damages for alleged libel in a *letter sent by the defendant* to the Commission of the European Communities complaining that an alleged refusal to carry out the servicing of an expensive camera was a breach of European Community law.

On July 2 (*The Times*, July 9) the court had dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs from an order of Mr Registrar Adams, Registrar of Civil Appeals, that a notice of appeal be served upon the European Commission under Order 59, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court although the Commission were not a party to the proceedings before Mr Justice Comyn.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Mr Michael Burton, QC, Mr Richard Slowe and Mr Geoffrey Mott for the plaintiffs; Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Richard Behar for the defendant; Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC and Mr Ian *Carlson for the Commission.*

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Hasselblad (GB) Ltd were the sole United Kingdom distributors of *Hasselblad* cameras which were based in Sweden. Camera Care Ltd, a Belfast company, had had a sub-distributorship, which was terminated by Hasselblad.

In July 1979 Camera Care complained to the Commission of the European Communities that *Hasselblad* were carrying on their business in breach of article 85 of the EEC Treaty. In 1980 the Commission began proceedings against *Hasselblad* in the course of which Camera Care sent to the Commission a letter dated February 16, 1981, signed by the defendant, *alleging that a Hasselblad camera* which he had brought had developed a fault which Hasselblad had refused to repair on the ground that it had been purchased from an unauthorized dealer.

The Commission sent a copy of the letter to Hasselblad inviting their comments who replied that the allegations were untrue. *Hasselblad* also wrote to the defendant telling him that unless he withdrew his allegations and apologised, proceedings for defamation would be instituted.

The defendant did not withdraw his allegation or apologise and the present proceedings were begun.

The judge ruled that a defence of absolute privilege was available to the defendant. Hasselblad appealed.

The defendant contended that he was entitled to rely upon (a) the defence of absolute privilege (b) the principle that documents disclosed in the course of Commission proceedings could not be used for any ulterior purpose and (c) upon EEC regulations as prohibiting the use of the letter as the basis of a libel action.

Hasselblad denied that any of the defences put forward was available.

It was a completely novel issue *and one of very considerable* importance in the light of our increasing involvement with the Commission.

The House of Lords had last considered the defence of absolute privilege in *Trapp v Mackie* ([1979] 1 WLR 377). In *Watson v McEwan* ([1905] AC 480, 487) *absolute* privilege was accorded to a precognition, or witness's proof.

His Lordship considered that the *letter should be treated as being* sufficiently closely connected with giving evidence to the Commission to be absolutely privileged if evidence to the like effect given by *the defendant directly* to or before the Commission would have been so privileged.

The criteria identified by Lord Diplock *in Trapp v Mackie* (at pp 378-379) had to be considered. As to the authority under which the Commission acted, it was conceded that it was recognized by the law of this country.

Its general duties were laid down by article 155. In relation to competition and articles 85 and 86, *article 89* required *it* to investigate suspected infringements and to take appropriate measures to bring them to an end.

Decisions of the Commission enforceable under article 192 were known as "Community Judgments" and were enforceable by the High Court under *Order 71*

His Lordship considered the procedure adopted by the Commission and said that the fact that the decision was reached by Commissioners, who had not attended the hearing, on advice from representatives of the European *Community nations,* who were not directly concerned, seemed to show that the Commission was acting in a manner which was dissimilar to that of either civil or common law courts of justice and that its attributes were dissimilar to such courts.

That was not a criticism of the Commission and its procedures but an acceptance that the Commission and its procedures fell into a different category, better labelled as administrative rather than judicial or quasi-judicial.

His Lordship was quite satisfied that absolute privilege did not, as such, attach to the letter signed by the defendant.

The defence of confidentiality was based primarily upon *Riddick v Thames Board Mills Ltd* ([1977] 1 QB 881) which, however, was plainly distinguishable as the letter was not sent to the Commission *under any form of compulsion.*

Counsel for the Commission had appeared in order to assist the court on the workings of the Commission and its view of the construction of the regulations. It was apparently the first time that the Commission had felt impelled to seek rights of audience in national proceedings. Their intervention had been found to be most helpful.

So far as the EEC regulations were concerned reliance had been put on article 11 (Requests for information) and article 20 (Professional secrecy) of Council Regulation No 17. His Lordship was unable to construe article 20 (1) as applying to information acquired otherwise than by the application, or at least the threat of the application, of the compulsory powers contained in articles 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The defence of public interest always involved a balancing of one interest against another. Hasselblad had a potential cause of action in libel against the defendant.

That was a private interest, but it was supported by a public interest, namely, that allegations by citizens that their private rights had been infringed should be investigated and, if the allegation was made good, that the citizen and his rights should be supported by the law and the courts.

On the other hand, since this country was a member of the European Community, there was a public interest that the Commission, *as a primary authority of* the Community, should not be frustrated in the duty imposed upon it by the EEC Treaty and Council Regulation 17 of enforcing compliance with articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty.

The balancing operation was very similar to that performed in *R v Lewes Justices, Ex parte Home Secretary* ([1973] AC 388).

His Lordship proceeded on the footing that Hasselblad had a legitimate interest in vindicating its reputation. What mattered was the likely effect upon potential suppliers of evidence to the Commission.

It was submitted that the defence of qualified privilege was available to the defendant provided that he had not been actuated by malice. So it would be – eventually.

It was only the very rich, the very foolish, the very malicious or the very dedicated who would knowingly put themselves in a position in which they had to defend a libel action, even with the benefit of qualified privilege as a possible defence.

Under the Commission's procedures, written matter was clearly a major source of evidence. If written matter tended to show that the alleged infringer was acting in breach of articles 85 and 86, it was likely to be defamatory.

It would follow that in England and possibly in other countries, evidence given to the Commission would be tested and weighed by the Commission and reviewed by the Advocate-General of the European Court of Justice and by that court, *while simultaneously it* was being weighed and tested by national courts in the context of a libel jurisdiction. The possibility of inconsistent conclusions *seemed to* be a very real one.

In the end the court had to balance competing public interests: see *per* Lord Reid in the *Lewes Justices'* case at p 400 E.

The public interest required that the letter should not be *used* as the basis of a libel action and was sufficiently strong to override the ordinary right and interest of a litigant that he should be able to lay before a court of justice all relevant evidence.

The disclosure of the letter to Hasselblad was for a very limited purpose and Hasselblad proposed to use it for a very different purpose.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the argument had ranged widely but it should not be forgotten that the instant litigation was a defamation *action for* damages for libel. The issue on the appeal was simply whether the judge was correct in holding that absolute privilege attached to the defendant's letter.

The concept of public interest which was considered in cases like *Lewes Justices, A. Crompton Ltd v Customs and Excise* ([1974] AC 405) and *D v NSPCC* ([1978] AC 171) was not directly in point, although it might help by way of analogy.

The basis of the rule which gave absolute privilege to communications in judicial or quasi-judicial proceedings was stated in *Munster v Lamb* ((1883) 11 QBD 588,607) quoted with approval in *Lincoln v Daniels* ([1962] 1 QB 237,247).

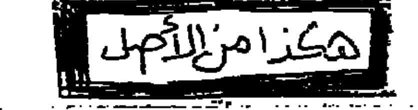
His Lordship returned to what he thought was the only *point in the* appeal: was the court prepared to extend the scope of absolute privilege in defamation litigation in this country and hold that it attached to the defendant's letter of February 16, 1981?

The court should not lightly extend the scope of absolute privilege in respect of alleged defamatory matter. If communications to the Commission such as the defendant's letter were not malicious they would be protected by qualified privilege.

His Lordship did not see the need for any substantial extension *of the* defence of absolute privilege beyond the presently decided cases in this country. If any extension were necessary or sensible, *it* would be essential for such extension to be carefully defined and limited.

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Solicitors: William T. Stockler; Pollard Scott Winter; Freshfields.



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National Consumer Council

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Senior Research Officer

The task of the Policy Division is to advise the Council on what policies it should adopt and to help to take any necessary action to carry forward policies once they are adopted. Research Officers will normally concentrate on particular areas of policy but may work on any of the Council's policy interests.

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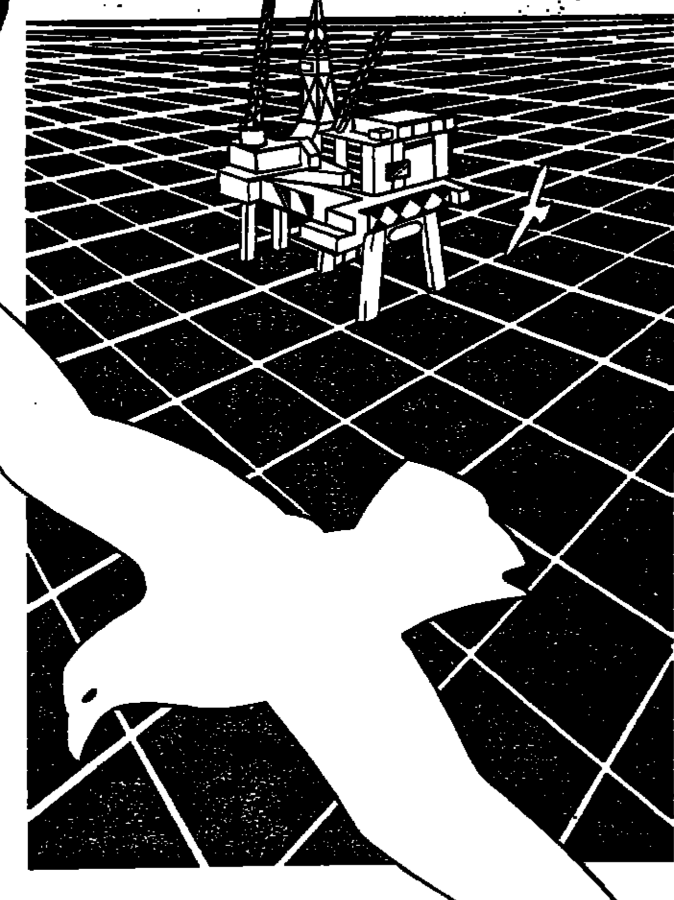
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The Times guide to career development

Down and almost out in 1984

An unemployed journalist writes this final article in the series on executives without jobs

Between 1968 and 1971 I trained for and entered a profession with a steady unemployment rate of 85 per cent of its union's full membership. The union was Equity and I was under the misapprehension that I was going to be a famous actor. Instead, I was training for the recession and my admission to the great Three Million Club as an unemployed member of the National Union of Journalists.

Unemployment is an occupational hazard among actors and free of stigma. Actors are adept at coping with unemployment and finding diverse ways of earning money between assignments. It was my experience of being a "resting" actor that is enabling me to survive now.

Getting off the sofa

In 1978, at 29, I decided that I didn't want to be an actor and turned to journalism. I completed a correspondence course with the London School of Journalism and was lucky enough to join a new magazine. Then I moved to a new weekly tabloid newspaper as a senior reporter in 1980, but it folded in March 1981. Since then, apart from a month with a freesheet publisher, I have been unemployed for three and a half years.

Though journalists thrive on by-lines, I have no wish to put my name to this article because employers have reservations about candidates who have been out of work for so long. Admitting to having been "outside" for 30 months could prevent me finding work for at least 20 years.

Actors "rest" and journalists "freelance" for what to me is beginning to feel like an indefinite sentence. This entails periods of depression during which I feel inadequate. It is a physical as well as an emotional experience, often involving faint nausea and an apparent inability to get off the sofa. After I was thrown out of work for a third time, it resulted in a gradual process of general deterioration for the next six months.

I often reflect that I am housed, not hungry, have no dependants but do have a supportive family. This, compared to what confronts many unemployed people, puts me in comparative clover and only makes me feel more inadequate.

To try to halt the process, I started early morning runs and an exercise routine. I'm sure it did my body a great deal of good, but the main objective was to experience a simple obligation that involved getting up in the morning. From there I progressed back to finding some source of income via the Jobcentre, newsagents' boards, classified ads in the local paper, and by propelling myself up and down my local high street looking for casual work.

Better than crying

That was a year ago. Now I work six days a week in the kitchen of a large pub and my former dread of mounting debts has been replaced by a new dread of settling in as a kitchen porter for life.

I post applications for journalistic jobs every week, taking care that there are never less than two out at any one time. That way, the answer still outstanding acts as a mental safety net to break my fall when the first rejection letter arrives.

I survive, largely because I was acclimatized to uncertainty in my first profession. When I think I am near to my limit I hold hard on to my anger – because when everything else is gone it is at least better than crying. But I'm not entirely sure how much longer I can keep this up.

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6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programmme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; medical advice and cookery hints between 8.30 and 9.00 plus Selina Scott's report from the Hebrides.
9.00 Under Sail. Tom Salmon narrates this documentary about the Sea Cloud, a four-masted barque, originally a wedding present for the heiress Marjorie Hutton (r).
9.15 Conservative Party Conference 1984. The third morning's debates 10.30 Play School, presented by Iain Lauchlan. 10.50 Conservative Party Conference 1984. Further coverage of the morning's debates
12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only. Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles)
1.00 Pebble Mill at One with guests Bob Hope and singing group Stutz Bear Cats. 1.45 Fingerbobs. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r)
2.00 Village School. The third and final programme in the series about how Erbington Village Primary School was saved from closure
2.30 Conservative Party Conference 1984. The afternoon's debates 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, presented by Wayne Jackman. 4.10 Bananaman (r) 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Inter-school quiz presented by Howard Stableford. 4.30 Godzilla. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround.
5.00 Blue Peter with Simon Groon on the Greenwich Meridian. 5.25 Henry's Cat. 5.30 Grange Hill. Episode six (r) (Ceefax). 5.58 Weather
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 London Plus.
6.55 Tomorrow's World, includes a report on a new way to save London's sewers from collapse.
7.20 Top of the Pops introduced by Mike Read and Tommy Vance.
8.00 The Magnificent Evans. The final episode of the comedy series and Plantagenet Evans decides to make an honest woman of Rachel by proposing marriage – a proposal that is readily accepted But there is many a slip between betrothal and altar (Ceefax)
8.30 Checkpoint presented by Roger Cook, the consumer's champion.
9.00 News with John Humphrys.
9.25 Morgan's Boy. Part one of a new eight-part drama about the relationship between an out-of-work teenager and his hillfarmer uncle with whom he goes to live. Starring Gareth Thomas and Martyn Hesford (Ceefax). (see Choice)
10.20 Heart of the Matter. David Jessel travels with an ambulance team as it tends to the victims of picket line violence in the south Yorkshire area and also talks to the local clergy about the way they treat the violence.
10.55 Turns. James Perry remembers, among others, Flotsam and Jetsam, Charles Coburn and the Ganjou Brothers
11.25 Out of the Undertow. A broker, a bricklayer, a Rastafarian painter and student talk about their backgrounds, their lifestyles and their ambitions
11.55 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; Harry Secombe from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; inside Patrick Cargill's house at 8.15; reviews of the films 1984 and Philadelphia Experiment at 8.34; d-i-y advice at 8.43; the winners of the Mother and Baby of the Year competition at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: Part three of the historical drama, The Sea Green Man. 9.48 Giving and receiving instructions in human life and computers. 10.06 The thrill of living in the city. 10.23 The measurement of time. 10.40 Generating electricity. 11.02 Children preparing for an outing. 11.19 The production of chips. 11.38 The lost bonanza – North Sea Oil
12.00 Buttercup Buskers. Adventures of a troupe of animals. 12.10 Mooncat and Co with guest Pat Coombs. 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama at the vineyard. Starring Jane Wyman.
2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on the new divorce law. 3.00 Take the High Road. More intrigue among the residents of a Scottish highland estate. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Buttercup Buskers. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Towser and the Haunted House. 4.20 Passport to Treasure. John M Parry visits another National Trust property – Townend, a 300-year-old working farm in the Lake District (Oracle).
4.45 Spooky: The Exorcism of Amy, by Paula Milne. The story of a young girl, haunted by a ghost (r). 5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.
6.30 Thames Sport presented by Steve Rider who talks to Christine Truman about her tennis come-back: plus highlights of last night's boxing and football.
7.00 Knight Rider. Another case for Michael Knight and KITT, his indestructible automobile.
8.00 Duty Free. Comedy series about two married couples on holiday in Spain. This week, David is in despair when Kev, an unwelcome acquaintance, appears at the hotel
8.30 Hotel. More dramas for the staff and guests of the swish San Francisco hotel – the St Gregory. Tonight a successful businesswoman guest meets somebody from her past who threatens to reveal all about her brief career in blue movies, while an unmarried mother arrives at the hotel with the intention of putting her son up for adoption
9.30 TV Eye: No Room for Sentiment. (see Choice)
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 Hill Street Blues. The precinct house is in disarray following Furillo's departure but moves are afoot to have him reinstated. Meanwhile, Furillo is tempted to have a drop of alcohol for the first time in seven years.
11.30 Crying Out Loud. Steve Taylor and Jeni Barnett lead a studio discussion between 50 young people on the subject of compromise
12.00 Portrait of a Legend. James Darren interviews country and western singer Eddie Rabbitt.
12.25 Night Thoughts from Sister Jean Robinson

Gareth Thomas: he appears in Morgan's Boy (BBC1, 9.25 pm)

CHOICE

● TV EYE (ITV, 9.30pm) reveals some lamentable shortcomings in the way the NHS deals with kidney failure sufferers: 1,500 deaths a year because there is no hope of treatment, while £19,500, spent privately, can guarantee a new kidney after only a month's wait. Nothing in John Withington's report is as damning as the admission by one hospital general physician that three sufferers he did not refer for treatment were a woman of 70; a diabetic with a poor knowledge of English; and a patient of low intellect, living in reduced circumstances. All three died. To counter-balance both this disclosure and the use of the word "murder" by the founder of the British Kidney Patients Association, a kidney specialist is given the chance to justify the system of selectivity: which sufferers shall be given the chance to live. You must judge for yourself whether the yardstick that is applied is worthy of a society that calls itself compassionate.

● MORGAN'S BOY (BBC 1, 9.25pm) makes a pessimistic start tonight, which is not surprising considering that all the characters are trying to make the best of a bad job and signally failing. And Alick Rowe, who wrote the serial, does not make it any easier for himself by harnessing together two characters who are worlds apart: the gloomy Welsh farmer, recently bereaved, who is losing his grip on things, and his bored and jobless young nephew who has never had a grip on things. By the end of the first episode, there are hints that the hard practicalities of life on a Welsh farm will knock some sense into the teenager and that contact with the younger generation will cause the older man to pull up his socks.

● LIFE OF AN ORCHESTRA (BBC 2, 9.30 pm), Jenny Barraclough's series about the LSO, tackles its fourth and last movement tonight and choses to mix its tempi in a most invigorating manner. There are passages of *agitato* (the vendetta that Private Eye is waging against the LSO), *giocoso* (a session with spoons and sticks and hand-clapping), *grave* (an accumulated deficit of £290,000) and *vivace* (signing up with the same marketing organization that handles Arnold Palmer, Sebastian Coe and Angela Rippon). This has been such an entertaining series that it has made an encore inevitable.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax
9.20 Daytime on Two: French conversation. 9.38 Part four of a five episode drama in French. 9.55 Thinkabout. 10.12 Different types of paper. 10.34 A drama documentary about the Yukon poet, Robert Service. 11.05 The English civil war. 11.30 Farming through the ages. 11.55 Lesson four of a swimming course – front crawl.
12.20 The newsreels of the Thirties. 12.45 For parents and teenagers. 1.10 Safety advice from Jimmy Savile. 1.20 Working in Germany. 1.38 John Carmicheal in Inverness, Fort William and Culloden. 2.00 You and me. For the very young. 2.15 The music of traffic. 2.40 Speech.
3.00 Dallas. Another episode from the last series, this one dealing with the recriminations following the Oil Barons' Ball.
3.45 Conservative Party Conference 1984.
5.30 News summary with subtitles.
5.35 Inside Women's Magazines. Part three of the series tracing the history of journals for women deals with the search for a successful formula for women of the Fifties.
6.00 Film: Kick! (1978) starring Jim Baker and Malachy McCourt. The first showing on British television for this warmhearted piece of sentimentality, heralding a new season of films for the family. Manny is a football coach who loses his job at an exclusive school and has to take the first one offered to him because he owes money to 'the mob'. This turns out to be a Church school for delinquent boys. Directed by Sean S. Cunningham
7.30 Open Space: A Little Piece of Britain in the Med? Francis Gomila of Gibraltar takes stock of his country and of the daily life of his fellow countrymen, finding out from them their feelings towards Britain and Spain
8.00 Commercial Breaks. This week's documentary in the series about entrepreneurs around the world is on three Californians who are trying to convince the State's citizens that the best way to go after death is cremation – virtually unheard of in California.
8.30 Do They Mean Us? Derek Jameson discovers what foreign correspondents think about our food and why the Continentals regard us with a mixture of distrust and admiration.
9.00 The Best of Harding. A compilation of the best of comedian Mike Harding's routines.
9.30 Life of an Orchestra. The fourth and final documentary about the London Symphony Orchestra. (see Choice)
10.20 Jack High. The last quarter-final of the Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament.
10.50 Newsnight.
11.45 Open University: Database – Freightliner Case Study Ends at 12.10

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Conservatives '84. Llew Gardner and Brian Shacross report from Brighton on the debates of the third morning of the Conservative Party Conference. Ends at 12.30.
2.30 Conservatives '84. Further coverage of the Conference.
5.30 Film: Shipyard Sally* (1939) starring Gracie Fields. A musical comedy about a Glasgow pub owner who goes to London to persuade the aristocratic owner of a Glasgow shipyard to reopen his works because her customers who are now out of work cannot afford to buy a drink. Directed by Monty Banks.
7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons. Stephen Phillips reports on the announcement of the Nobel prizewinner for literature.
7.50 Comment. With his view of a matter of topical importance is Ronald Payne, a writer specializing in foreign affairs.
8.00 Scotland's Story. The tenth episode of the history of Scotland and the Scots examines the political developments under the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Anne
8.30 Looks Familiar. Denis Norden and his guests, Farley Granger, Stubby Kaye and Julia McKenzie, reminisce about the films of the thirties and the forties. Among those appearing in the clips are Danny Kaye, Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire, the Charlie Barnet Orchestra, and, appearing in their first film, Cocoanuts, the Marx Brothers.
9.15 What the Papers Say. Journalist Russell Davies casts a critical eye over the press's coverage of the week's news
9.30 Play: CQ, by Paula Milne. Michael Elphick stars as a bored insurance loss adjuster who finds relief from his tedious occupation in amateur radio. Nationwide recognition is thrust upon the ham when he accidently picks up messages from a lone yachtsman. From that moment he is the voice of the sailor to the world at large – until he loses contact.
10.35 The Blood of the British. Part five of Dr Catherine Hills's series tracing the history of the British people through monuments and artefacts examines the remains of the Roman occupation.
11.05 Little Armadillos. Off beat comedy series about two brothers who own a seedy night club down by the docks.
11.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents . . . Arthur, starring Laurence Harvey, Hazel Court and Patrick McNee. The story of a New Zealand chicken farmer who married, rather against his wishes, the wilful and selfish Helen He decides to kill her and after the deed is done the local police try every method to make Arthur confess to the murder. Based on a story by Arthur Williams.
12.05 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † denotes stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayers for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport.
8.43 The Awakening of Kate Chopin (4). Read by Sarah Badel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Lacuna. Anthony Smith, in the company of Richard Gregory, explores what is going on in the world in the arts, sport, science, business, food and wine, etc.
10.00 News; Medicine Now.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Over the Hill' by Margaret Evans Read by Dilys Price.
10.45 An Act of Worship.
11.00 News; Travel; Your Move or Mine. Bill Breckon and Tom Tickell open the door on the housing world (r).
11.28 Vanishing Day. Brian McAvera tells the story of the day that eight of Lord and Lady Londonderry's servants went boating on Strangford Lough and were never seen again.
12.00 News: What About the Workers? 'Equality under the Law?' An investigation of race and sex discrimination at work (see also 8.10 pm).
12.27 The Travelling Show with Christopher Matthew. The panel today: James Burke, Sue Arnold and John Noakes.
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News, Woman's Hour Today's edition includes Linda Wolfe's report on the question of confidentiality in hospitals (what a nurse should put in her notes).
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Reputation, By John Challen. With Colin Starkey, Helena Brack, and Betty Huntley-Wright. A study of the nature of reputation and the dilemma of how much should be revealed about a famous person's life †
4.00 News. Enquire Within.
4.10 Bookshelf 'The Private World of Georgette Heyer' with Hunter Davies (r)
4.40 Story Time 'Mr Stone and the Knight's Companion' by V S Naipaul abridged in seven parts (1). The reader is Bill Wallis.
5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping.
6.00 The Six O'clock News.
6.30 Yes, Minister with Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds (new series) (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? With John Timpson.
7.40 International Assignment.
8.10 What About the Workers? 01-580 4411 (lines open from 7.0 pm) 'Equality under the law'. To follow up today's earlier programme at noon, Paul Heiney invites your queries and comments about discrimination in employment. Those taking part include Janet Hemsley, of the Equal Opportunities Commission.
9.00 Does he take Sugar? A magazine for disabled listeners
9.30 The Archive Auction. John Amis browses through the BBC sound archives
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan presents a profile of the Irish poet Seamus Heaney. The reader Kenneth Branagh.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. 'I Heard the Owl Call My Name' by Margaret Craven (4). The reader Garrick Hagon 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight including 11.00 News Headlines
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Pride of the Parlour Jeremy Siepmann casts an eye on the changing role of music in the home
12.00 News. Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) Radio 4 vhf is as above except 5.55-6.00 am Weather Travel. 9.05-10.45 For Schools 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-11.30 Study on 4 Caribbean Links 12.30-1.10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert part one. Bach's Sonata in G for viola da gamba and harsichord (Linden/Bouman), Haydn's Six German dances, H 1X, Mozart's Serenade in C minor K 388 and Ethel Smyth's overture The Wreckers.
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Rossini's overture The Silken Ladder; Holst's Fugal Concerto (Bennett, flute; Graeme, oboe); Ferguson's Partita for two pianos Op 5b (Shelley/MacNamara); Respighi's The Fountains of Rome
9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer Martinu, Estampes; Variations on a Slovak Folk Song (Vectomov, cello; Palenicek, piano); The Greek Passion (finale of Act 4, with John Mitchinson, tenor, and Welsh National Opera soloists).
10.00 Orchestral Music: Franck's Symphonic Poem Les Eolides, and Magnard's Symphony No 4, Op 21
10.50 Music for Viola. Nicholas Logie (viola) with Richard Greenwood (piano) play Stravinsky's Elegie for viola; Shumann's Marchenbilder.†
11.15 Bournmouth Sinfonietta. (Del Mar conducts), with Pankian/Fleming/Roberts Trio. Part one. Schubert's Overture in Italian Style in C, D 591, and Beethoven's Triple Concerto †
12.00 Six Continents, foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC
12.20 Concert: part two Strauss's suite Le Bouregois Gentilhomme †
1.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Brodsky string Quartet Shostakovich's Quartet No 11, Borodin's Quartet No 2 †
2.00 Beethoven and Schubert Part one Beethoven's Symphony No 8 London Classical Players, Schutz Choir of London, Patrizia Kwella (soprano), Charles Brett (counter-tenor), Paul Elliott (tenor), Stephen Varcoe (bass). Norrington conducts † 2.25 Interval reading
2.30 Beethoven, Schubert (contd): Shubert's Mass No 5 in A flat †
3.25 Rachmaninov Guher and Suher Perkinel play the Suite No 1, Op 5 in A flat for two pianos †
3.50 Youth Orchestras of the World: Trinity College of Music Symphony Orchestra and choir (conductor Keeffe) play works by Wagner (including the overture, Venusberg, from Tannhauser), and Webern's Symphony Op 21 † 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure another of Roger Nichols's selections
6.30 Bandstand. Grimethorpe Colliery Band play Holst's March (Moorside Suite). Bernat's Dunlap's Creek, Eric Ball's Festival Music †
7.00 Making it Formal: Professor Lewis Wolpert in conversation with Professor John Maynard Smith Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex.
7.30 City of Birmingham SO (Rattle conducts). With Heryk Szeryng (violin). Part one Webern's Six Pieces for Orchestra, Op 6, Brahms's violin Concerto. †
8.20 Five Letters from an Eastern Empire Martin Jarvis and Dinsdale Landen read from Alasdair Gray's writings †
8.40 Concert part two Walton's Symphony No 1 †
9.30 The Living Poet. John Hollander The Professor of English at Yale reads a selection of his poems, published during the past quarter of a century
9.55 Bach Christophe Coin (cello) plays the Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV 1008.
10.15 Harrison Birtwistle: Narration: Description of the Passing of a year; The Fields of Sorrow, 1971. For O, for O the Hobby-Horse is Forgot (Les Percussions de Strasbourg). †
11.15 News Until 11.18.
VHF only: Open University 6.15am Organic Chemistry 6.35 Preparing for Exams (until 6.55).

Radio 2

On medium wave † denotes also VHF stereo
News on the hour Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Martin Kelner † 5.30 Ray Moore † 7.30 Terry Wogan † including 8.31 Racing Bulletin 10.00 Jimmy Young † 12.00pm Colin Berry † including 1.05 Sports Desk 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk 3.30 Music All The Way † 4.00 David Hamilton † including 4.02, 5.02 Sports Desk 6.00 John Dunn † including 6.02 Sports Desk 6.30 The Fosdyke Saga (4) 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only) 8.00 Wally Whyton presents Country Concert starring Waylon Jennings direct from Nashville † 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 The News Huddlines Roy Hudd laughs at the news with June Whitfield and Chris Emmett 10.30 Star Sound Extra covers the current movie scene Terence Stamp talks to nick Jackson about his return to international films in The Hit 11.00 Bernald Falk presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00am David Bellan presents Nightride 3.00-4.00 Among Your Souvenirs †

Radio 1

On medium wave † denotes also VHF stereo
News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight 6.00am Adrian John † 7.00 Mike Read † 9.00 Simon Bates † 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.30 Steve Wright 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00am Into the Music with Tommy Vance †VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2 10.00pm With Radio 1 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Who Heard That Song Before 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Music Profile 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Monitor 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Traveller's Tales 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Boots And Branches 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 The World Today 5.09 Meridian 8.00 World News 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 The Week in Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme 11.30 Meridian 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Talking About Music 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Persona Grata 1.45 Ulster Newsletter 1.50 In the Meantime 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Music In The Age Of Chivalry 2.30 With Respect, Ambassador 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Business Matters 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Country Music Profile 5.45 The World Today

(All times in GMT)

BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval 5.35-5.58 Wales Today 6.30-7.20 Star Trek 8.30-9.00 Week In Week Out. 11.55 News headlines. 11.57-12.27am Checkpoint (as BBC1 8.30pm) 12.27 News and weather Scotland: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish news. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland 11.55-12.00 News and weather Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland news. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster 11.55-12.00 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines

S4C Starts 9.30am Conservative '84. 12.30 Interval 2.00 Gwrando a Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.55 Conservative '84. 4.20 Scotland's Story. 4.50 Ffalabalm. 5.05 Item Ddirgel 5.10 Jana'r Jyngl 5.35 Mary Tyler Moore Show 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Hoteledu. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Ar Y Ffordd. 8.00 Coleg 8.30 O Benllyn I Bendraw'r Byd. 9.05 Canu Penillion. 9.45 Performance. 11.30 Guardian Lectures 12.10am Closedown

GRANADA As London except: w.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Devlin Connection. 3.25 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Duty Free. 9.00-9.30 Gaffer. 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 6.00 News 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Duty Free 8.00 Gaffer. 8.30-9.30 Success 10.30 Nothing But The Best. 11.00 Sweeney 12.00 Closedown

HTV WALES As London except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six 10.30-11.00 Wales this Week.

TVS As London except: 1.20-1.30 News. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.30-4.30 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30 Knight Rider 8.30 Duty Free. 9.00-9.30 Gaffer. 10.30 Yellow Rose 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.' 12.30am Company. Closedown

BORDER As London except: 1.20 pm News 1.30-2.30 Casablanca. 3.00 Bygones 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Knight Rider 8.30 Duty Free 9.00-9.30 Gaffer 11.30 9 to 5 12.00 News, Closedown

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 8.30-9.30 Magnum 11.30 Flash of Lightning 12.30 Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 North Tonight 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 On the Road Again. 7.30 Knight Rider 8.30 Duty Free 10.30 Bette Midler 11.00 Steady As She Goes 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 That's Hollywood 12.30 am News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Champions 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads 6.25 Northern Life 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30 Knight Rider. 8.30 Duty Free 9.00-9.30 Gaffer 10.32 Are You Taking the Tablets? 11.00 Sweeney 12.00 Memory Lane. Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline 1.35-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.30-4.00 Protectors 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Take The High Road. 7.30-8.00 Now You See It 10.30 Crime Desk 10.35 Gaffer 11.05 Report 11.30 Late Call 11.35 QED 12.30am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Champions 6.00 About Anglia 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 10.30 Folio 11.00 Short Story 11.30 Star Parade 12.30am Waite Around Closedown

TSW As London except 1.20 pm News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30 That's My Dog 8.30-9.30 Magnum 11.30 Flash of Lightning 12.30 am Postscript, Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30 Knight Rider 8.30 Duty Free 9.00-9.30 Gaffer 10.30 Streets of San Francisco. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except. 12.25pm Folk Tales 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 Crossroads 6.25 News 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30 Knight Rider 8.30 Duty Free 9.00-9.30 Gaffer 10.30 Eco 11.00 Protectors 11.30 Fight Night 12.30am Closedown

ULSTER As London except 1.20 Lunchtime 1.30-2.30 Father Murphy 3.30-4.00 Hands. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30 Party with the Rovers 8.00 Just Our Luck 8.30 Duty Free. 9.00-9.30 Gaffer. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † Stereo. ★ Black and white (r) Repeat

Entertainments

Photograph believed to be Charlotte Brontë

Vignette on display at Haworth parsonage

By Frances Gibb

Experts are claiming that the first known photograph of the author Charlotte Brontë has been found among archives of the National Portrait Gallery.

The remarkable find, in a collection of several thousand negatives, may provide the best clue to the appearance of the author of *Jane Eyre*. Her likeness has hitherto been known only from portraits.

It is certain to rekindle controversy over claims that the Brontes figure in a photograph of Haworth churchyard.

Dr Susan Foister, curator of the gallery's nineteenth century collection, said: "I am always cautious, because there have been so many spurious photographs of the Brontes but it seems very likely to be her".

The photograph shows a woman in profile and is believed to date from a year before her death in 1855. It could be a companion piece to the honeymoon photograph of Charlotte's husband, the Rev Arthur Bell Nicholls.

The photograph is on display as part of a travelling exhibition of Brontë portraits, on loan from the National Gallery, starting at the Brontë parsonage at Haworth.

It was spotted by Mr Brian Wilks, author of *The Brontës* and director of the annual Bronte conference at Leeds University.

"I saw it as unique", he said. "If this is the first-known photograph of Charlotte, then this is an astounding moment."

The photograph offered a completely new image of the author, he said. "Here we have the chance to test her own dismay at her own features. She considered herself an ugly duckling, once confessing that she would willingly have traded her writing to have been pretty."

Contrary to the traditional image of the Brontës as wilting ladies in a parsonage, the photgraph showed "not the sunken-cheeked consumptive that we have been led to expect" but a "somewhat fleshy, even matronly, lady" who was "contentedly married."

The photograph was among thousands forming the collection of Sir Emery Walker, the nineteenth century photographer and founder of the Doves bindery, which the gallery aquired in 1956.

A recent flood in the basement speeded up cataloguing work and the negative, itself believed to be a copy of a photograph, was discovered among the collection.

Dr Foister said she felt reasonably confident about its authenticity, because the negative was documented in the Walker card index as being of Charlotte Brontë. "It is said to have been taken from a carte-de-visite of her and that it was taken within a year of her death. But as cartes-de-visite did not really come in until a little later, I think the negative was made from another, earlier photograph.

Dr Foister said the one reservation was that no copies of the photograph had emerged and the photograph was unknown to the Bronte Society.

Other experts are not convinced. Mr Terence Pepper, curator of photographs at the portrait gallery, said: "It looks to me like the style of a later photograph".







Portraits of Charlotte Brontë



The photograph, believed to be of Charlotte, found in National Portrait Gallery archives. It is thought to have been taken a year before she died.

Heroin dealers face 'life' terms

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Home Office, the Treasury, and his own department, promised a campaign to educate parents and children on the dangers of drugs. Material for the campaign will be drawn up with the advice of advertising experts.

In his speech he referred to increased drug seizures and more international action in the campaign to fight drug abuse.

He said that by the end of this month all doctors will be sent new guidelines on the best clinical practise for treating drug abusers. This is part of an attempt to prevent overprescription by some doctors of dangerous drugs.

Mr Clarke said: "We will treat the victims, and we will warn the vulnerable, but we must also tackle the evil itself. It is the Government's urgent priority to cut off the flow of drugs and hit supplies."

It is understood that the one hundred extra customs officers will bring the total number of investigators to between four and five hundred. The investigators deal not only with drugs but also value-added tax

Ministers refute the argument put forward by the Civil Service unions that more customs officers are needed overall in the service and argue increases must be in the specialist area of investigation.

Dealing with the question of police action Mr Clarke said that by the beginning of next month all police forces will have drug squads, at present only the Essex and Hertfordshire forces are without the squads. The Minister added that Sir Lawrence Byford, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary, has written to chief constables to emphasize the priority which we give, and expect them to give to their response to drug abuse.

In announcing the proposed life imprisonment sentences, Mr Clarke said drug dealing was not a crime of passion or hot blood but cold bloodedly premeditated by people who knew they would kill with the drugs. He said: "Many murderers may be able to plead more mitigation"

The proposal will be introduced in a Criminal Justice Bill which will also include government plans for the siezure of assets of drug smugglers and dealers.

Mr Clarke said however that the life sentence would apply only to leading figures involved in class A drug smuggling and dealing

Pit talks begin today

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board's own formula for determining when a pit is exhausted "or any variant that would help resolve that problem.

"After all, I have had many earnest assurances that the NCB is expected to run the property. All that I am asking is that we get that confirmed."

Mr MacGregor did not point to any specific area of compromise that might have been hinted at by the union adding only: "I am always optimistic. I got the very decided impression from Mr Lowry that it would be worth while."

The talks begin at the Acas offices this morning, and no time limit has been put upon them.

Frank Johnson in Brighton

Leadership bid is right on cue

The eighth annual Michael Heseltine bid for the leadership was held here yesterday in the presence of leading politicians from all parts of the Conservative Party.

The bid takes the form of a speech first delivered by Mr Heseltine in 1976 when he was a little-known ex-property developer and ex-publisher wheld the until-then unglamorous portfolio of Opposition spokesman on industry. To widespread astonishment and consternation, Mr Heseltine received a standing ovation in an age when such demonstrations were awarded at Conservative conferences only to Prime Ministers and anti-Labour West Indians.

His triumph was partly due to the fact that he did not confine himself to industry. Instead, he ranged over most of the dilemmas confronting the human race, of which he was himself at that time. The party managers resolved that such a triumph was never to be allowed to happen again except to bona fide Prime Ministers and West Indians.

In due course, Mrs Thatcher – still in opposition moved him from industry to the still less promising subject of the environment, hoping to bog him down in sewerage policy and the other traditional concerns of that department.

But, come the next conference, Mr Heseltine merely subsituted "environment" for "industry", continued to talk about things that were nothing to do with him, and triumphed again. As the years went by, the bid for the leadership became part of the national calendar: the sort of occasion at which Dr David Owen would dearly like to lay a wreath.

Two years ago Mrs Thatcher made Mr Heseltine Secretary for Defence with the specific mission of rebutting unilateralism. The Prime Minister thus stood accused of using Mr Heseltine's bid for the leadership as she does other national symbols such as the Cenotaph, to further the interests of the Conservative Party. She gave a lot of offence to those of us, and our relatives, who fought through all eight speeches. Nevertheless, this year's bid, and standing ovation, passed off without incident.

All three fighting Services took part in the speech. The climax of the ceremony came when Mr Heseltine, before bellowing at normal strength, murmured: "The world paused this summer to remember another summer 40 years ago".

Then, in order to make some points against Labour defence policy, he deployed the entire allied armies of 1944 under General Eisenhower, plus all the old soldiers who turned up for the ceremonies in Normandy this summer: "... deeply moving experience for me ... Arromanches is a small French town on the Normandy coast ... into the village square there marched the men and women of the British Forces, soldiers, sailors and airmen in their sixties and seventies ... clerks, farmers, factory workers, miners, dockers, drivers ..." The whole colossal peroration was yesterday masterminded by Mr Heseltine from his autocue in Brighton.

His broad point was that it must never be allowed to happen again – the war, that is, or possibly a Labour Government, certainly not the speech. Yet his message was a simple one: vote Conservative. Or, more narrowly, vote Heseltine. Will it all lead to his fellow MPs doing so when the time comes? Since Mr Heseltine began it all, all Ministers now have to receive standing ovations. But last year there hung over the Heseltine speech a cloud roughly as big as a man's peroration. Mr Norman Tebbit's standing ovation was longer than Mr Heseltine's. Worse, Mr Tebbit is due to address the conference today.

Elswhere, the only people who have a chance of a standing ovation this year who are not ministers, are speakers who are miners, miners' wives, and clergymen – a sure sign that the Tories are weak among these social groups. Tuesday produced a miner and a miners' wife. Yesterday brought a clergyman, the Venerable Gordon Reid, the Provost of Inverness Cathedral, who said it was "rubbish" for CND to claim to speak for all Christians.

The old days were recalled yesterday when, during the health debate, a black nurse said the NHS should have a chairman – preferably Sir Michael Edwardes, or Mr MacGregor. A standing ovation ensued. Over the next year, the search is on for a Tory who is black and a clergyman – preferably with mining experience.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne visits The British School, The Hague, and later attends a ball at HM Ambassador's residence, The Hague, The Netherlands; departs RAF Lyneham, 1.30.

The Duchess of Kent visits Jordan; departs London Airport, 10.45.

New exhibitions

The 38th Stroud Festival: Work by Michael Dinkel and Emmy Dinkel-Keet: Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Mon to Sat 10 to 5; (ends Oct 20).

Archaeology Alive: Art Gallery and Museum, Moss St, Bury, Lancs; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5; (ends Nov 10).

Dimensions of Light and Colour: stained glass from eight West Midland artists: Helios Pictures, 2 Salisbury Rd, Mosely, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6; (ends Nov 3).

Exhibitions in progress

Bridget Riley: Clear Colour: City Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Rd Bristol; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; (ends Nov 3).

Victorian Childrens' book illustrations and their readers; The Manor House, Castle Yard, Ilkley; Tues to Sun 10 to 6; (ends Oct 21).

Drawings and watercolours by Albert Wainwright: Atkinson Art Gallery, Lord St, Southport; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs and Sat 10 to 1; (ends Oct 20).

Work by Malcolm Woodward: Cooper Gallery, Church St, Barnsley, S. Yorks; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, Closed Mon; (ends Oct 29).

Treasures from the Smithsonian Institution: Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Nov 4).

Tom Ungerer, *graphic designer and writer*: Museum and Art Gallery: 96 New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30; (ends Oct 28).

Last chance to see

Paintings by Jim Andrew: The Ginnel Gallery, Lloyd St, Manchester; 9 to 8.

Miniature watercolours by Bob Bates: Oriel 32, 31 High St, Welshpool, Powys; 11 to 5.

Music

Organ recital by Phillip Moore; Guildford Cathedral, 8.

Concert by the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble: St Alban's Church, Highgate, Birmingham, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Guildhall, Southampton, 8.

Recital by Janine Roebuck and Martin Holland (piano); Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Sq, Manchester, 1.05.

Recital by the Fairfield String Quartet with Peter Evans; Music Centre, Bell St, Dundee, 7.30.

Recital by the Chilingirian Quartet, The Gardner Centre, Sussex University, Brighton, 7.45.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Eden Court Theatre, Inverness, 7 45.

Recital by the Hamilton Orpheus Male Choir; Coventry Cathedral, 1.05.

Recital by the Brodsky String Quartet; St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Talks, lectures

The Sanity of True Genius, by Dr Anthony Storr; Attenborough Lecture Theatre, Leicester University, 7.30.

Folkcrafts of Japan, Okinara and Korea, by Ian Hird, Poldrate Mill, *Haddington*, Lothian, 8.

The Burrell Collection tapestries and their conservation, by Val Blyth; Montgomery Hall, Eaglesham, Glasgow, 7.30.

Sculpture in Florence, by Ed Jeffrey; Queen's Head Hotel, Bridge Sq, Kelso, Borders, 7.30.

General

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society Autumn Show; Balmoral Showgrounds, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 10.

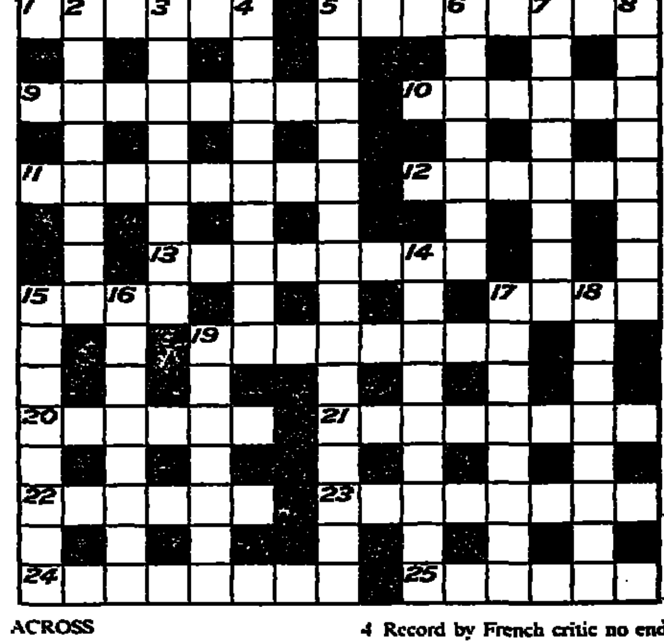
Surrey Antiques Fair, Civic Hall, Guildford, Surrey, 11 to 6.

Anniversaries

Births: Arthur Phillip, admiral and first governor of New South Wales, London, 1738; Heinrich Olbers, astronomer, Arbergen, Germany, 1758.

Deaths: James Prescott Joule, physicist, Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Anton Bruckner, Vienna, 1896; Jean Henri Fabre, entomologist, Sérignan, France, 1915; Maurice Vlaminck, painter, Rueil-la-Gadeliere, 1958; Jean Cocteau, poet and writer Milly-la-Forêt, 1963.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,558



ACROSS

1 French version of disorder also interpreted as Italian influence (6).
5 Grumble about order to clear (8).
9 Expression of doubt following minute impetus (8).
10 Order to allow more margin (6).
11 Composition or air – too disjointed (8).
12 Priest, shepherded by Moses, gives lead to Jews and other elements (6).
13 Churchwarden has many a song to sing (4,4).
15 Extremely seasick going to the old isle (4).
17 Artist I left in bar (4).
19 Partially foreign article? Absolutely (8).
20 Select circle I joined in two separate churches (6).
21 Soldier found among little Euphemia's models (8).
22 Go through again with engineer – not on the record! (6).
23 Colour in a pilot version (3-5).
24 Vera is lost in the Strand – what a lark! (8).
25 For a change, Edison is in position to play ball (6).

DOWN

2 For a motorist it's a frame-up, or return of persecution (4-4).
3 Publicity may be an attraction to this inexperienced hand (8).
4 Record by French critic no end welcome (9).
5 For example, Wimbledon Register is a store of memorabilia (11,4).
6 Seer's affection for locker with wood frame (4-3).
7 Nymph heartbroken over America (8).
8 Countrywide service no longer compulsory (8).
14 Left paper folded in minister's office (9).
15 Relating to the whole range of spirits (8).
16 Coming from the Balkans, he finds Virginia so ugly in parts (8).
17 Animal fodder based on grain and hemp product (3-5).
18 In America Housman is said to have died in prison (8).
19 Expose a foreign spy-story (7).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,557

HAZEL DIFFERENT
O E O R L M M H
PUBLICITY PROXY
S R T P B L L M
COAXED CYNOSURE
O R C N Y M
TENDERLOIN LEEK
C E R A G R N I
HAWK HYPHENATED
M B H T I N
TEARAWAY ACACIA
R R R N D K A P
ASKEW GOOSESTEP
S E I E W R E E
HITANDRUN SHRED

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New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Anne's Book, by George Macbeth (Methuen, £2.95)
Hazards To The Human Heart, by Thomas Farber (Creative Arts Book Company, £4.95)
Second From Last In the Sack Race, by David Nobbs (Methuen, £1.95)
The Gift, by HD (Virago, £3.50)

NON FICTION

Alexander of Aphrodisias on Fate, by R. W. Sharples (Duckworth, £8.95)
All In The End Is Harvest: An Anthology for those who Grieve, Edited by Agnes Whitaker (Darton Longman & Todd, £3.95)
Blessings, Kicks and Curses, by Geoffrey Grigson (Allison & Busby, £4.95)
Charles I: The Personal Monarch, by Charles Carlton (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £4.95)
The New Times Cook Book, by Shona Crawford Poole (Fontana, £2.95)

PH

Roads

Wales and West: M5: Contraflow between junctions 15 (Bristol/S. Wales) and 17 (Bristol W Severn Beach/Clifton); southbound entry closed at junction 16; northbound entry slip road restrictions am Mon to midnight Sat. A48: Lane closures between Cardiff and Newport at Cleppa Park on E and W bound carriageways.

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow N of junction 14 at Newport Pagnell; service areas closed on both sides; long delays. A46: Roadworks S of Newark at Farndon Crossroads, Notts. A38: Contraflow in operation on Burton on Trent bypass.

The North: M6: Contraflow between junction 17 (Sandbach/Crewe) and 18 (Holmes Chapel/Chester); delays, particularly southbound.

Scotland: A1: Bypass construction W of Tranent. A76: Roadworks SE of Kilmarnock, South of junction with A719. A726: Bridge construction and roadworks at Barnsford Bridge, N of M8 (junction 29).

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the fine incurred by the NUM and Mr Scargill yesterday for contempt of court, says that the real victims of the miners' strike are the miners. The paper adds: "For although the major fine and costs were imposed on the union's national executive, the money which will pay them will come from its members."

The Daily Express, however, comments on the fact that the order imposing these fines will not be activated until Monday. It adds: "Is there any other private citizen, any other organization that could command such leniency?"

The Daily Mirror says, that having broken the law, Mr Arthur Scargill and the NUM should pay their fines. The paper adds: "We can't pick and choose which laws to obey. Mr Scargill and the miners' executive should have the sense to submit."

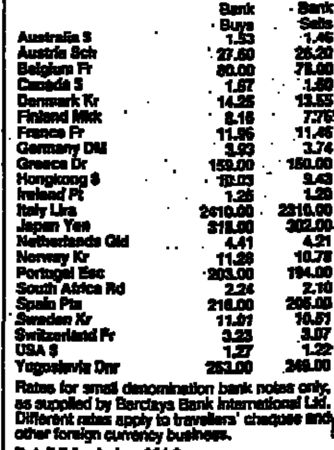
Heritage Directory

The *Heritage Directory* has been revised and updated in a second edition. It comprises of a comprehensive list of the main national and local bodies concerned with all aspects of the heritage. Copies of the *Heritage Directory* from the Finance Dept, British Tourist Authority, 239 Old Marylebone Rd, London, NW1; or from Phillips, 7 Blenheim St, New Bond St, London, W1. It costs £2.50.

Paris travel offer

British Rail, Intercity Europe and P & O Ferries have got together to offer a low price excursion to Paris. The Parisienne Mini Excursion costs £29 from London, and includes return rail and ferry fares, couchettes on both night sailings, and a full day for shopping or sightseeing in Paris. The excursion is also available from many other centres in the Midlands and Southern England. Full details are available at BR travel centres and appointed travel agents. The offer is available until March 31, 1985.

The pound



	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.53	1.46
Austria Sch	27.60	26.20
Belgium Fr	80.00	76.00
Canada $	1.67	1.60
Denmark Kr	14.25	13.55
Finland Mkk	8.16	7.76
France Fr	11.96	11.46
Germany DM	3.93	3.74
Greece Dr	158.00	150.00
Hongkong $	10.03	9.43
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	318.00	302.00
Netherlands Gld	4.41	4.21
Norway Kr	11.28	10.78
Portugal Esc	203.00	194.00
South Africa Rd	2.24	2.10
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.01	10.51
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.07
USA $	1.27	1.22
Yugoslavia Dnr	263.00	248.00

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Retail Price Index: 354.8.

London: The FT Index closed up 0.6 at 868.8

Portfolio

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● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather forecast

A weak frontal trough will move slowly N over central Britain.

6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, E, W Midlands, E, central N England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, a little rain or drizzle in places, brighter and drier later; wind SW light; max temp 16C (61F).

SE, central S, SW England: Fog patches clearing, sunny intervals developing; dull and mist near some coasts; wind variable light; max temp 16C (61F).

Channel Islands: Cloudy, rain and drizzle at times; wind variable light; max temp 14C (57F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District: Sunny intervals, mainly dry; wind SW moderate; max temps 15C (59F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, a little rain later; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Sunny intervals, mainly dry; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 16C (61F).

Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals; showers, heavy at times, dying out inland later; wind W fresh or strong moderating later; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Changeable in the N, dry with sunny intervals in the S; generally rather warm.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind SW light or moderate; drizzle at times; visibility moderate or poor; sea slight. English Channel (E): Wind variable light; drizzle at times; visibility moderate or poor; sea smooth. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW light or moderate; mainly fair; visibility good; sea slight.

Sun rises: 7 18 am · Sun sets: 6.16 pm
Moon sets: 8.37 am · Moon rises: 6.59 pm
Last Quarter: October 17.

Lighting-up time

London 6.46 pm to 6.50 am
Bristol 6.55 pm to 6.59 am
Edinburgh 6.52 pm to 7.05 am
Manchester 6.52 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 7.09 pm to 7 10 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	14	57	Guernsey	c	15	59
Birmingham	s	16	61	Inverness	r	12	54
Blackpool	s	15	59	Jersey	c	15	59
Bristol	c	14	57	London	dr	14	57
Cardiff	c	15	59	Manchester	s	14	57
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Newcastle	f	15	59
Glasgow	r	13	55	Ronaldsway	f	15	59

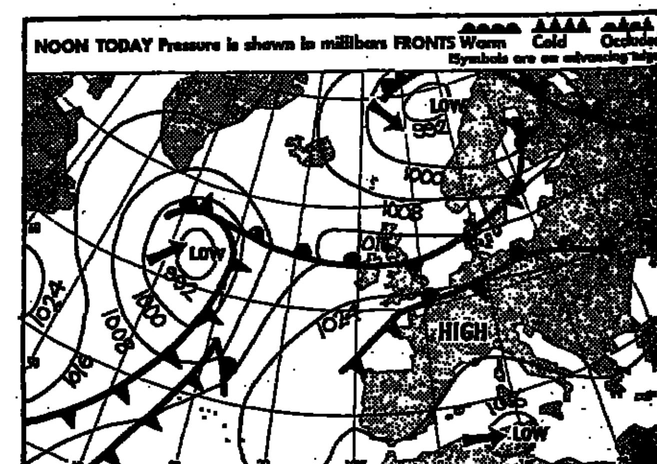
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6pm, 89 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.22in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.0hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1023.4 millibars steady.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Newquay 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Exmouth 0.76in; highest sunshine: Blackpool 9.6hr

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NOON TODAY

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

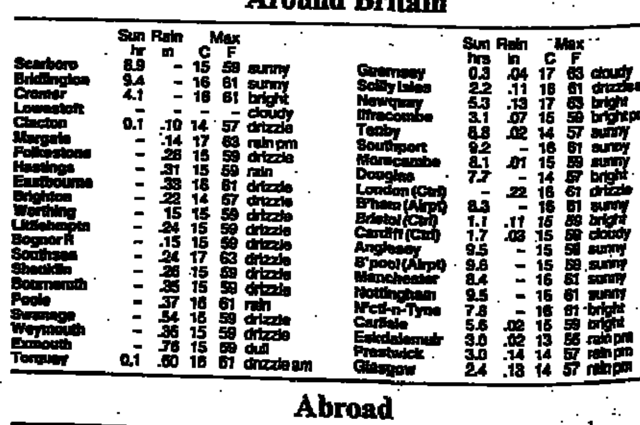
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.32	7.0	3.39	7.9
Aberdeen	2.37	4.2	3.08	4.1
Avonmouth	8.52	12.8	9.08	13.0
Belfast	12.22	3.3	12.43	3.2
Cardiff	8.37	11.8	8.53	11.9
Devonport	7.22	5.5	7.32	5.5
Dover	12.26	6.4	12.39	6.5
Falmouth	6.52	5.3	7.02	5.3
Glasgow	2.25	4.9	2.39	4.7
Harwich	1.24	3.9	1.29	4.9
Holyhead	11.55	5.4	–	–
Hull	7.49	7.5	8.13	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.31	8.9	7.48	9.0
Leith	4.00	5.4	4.29	5.3
Liverpool	12.37	9.3	12.53	9.1
Lowestoft	10.55	2.5	11.34	2.4
Margate	1.362	4.6	1.346	4.7
Milford Haven	7.49	6.8	8.08	6.8
Newquay	6.39	6.8	6.53	6.7
Oban	7.15	3.9	7.30	4.1
Penzance	6.18	5.6	6.28	5.6
Portland	8.40	2.2	8.55	2.2
Portsmouth	12.51	4.5	1.10	4.5
Shoreham	12.32	6.0	12.50	6.0
Southampton	12.15	4.4	12.35	4.5
Swansea	7.55	9.3	8.12	9.4
5.03	5.49	5.28	5.31	5.1
Walton-on-Naze	1.15	4.1	1.225	4.1

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

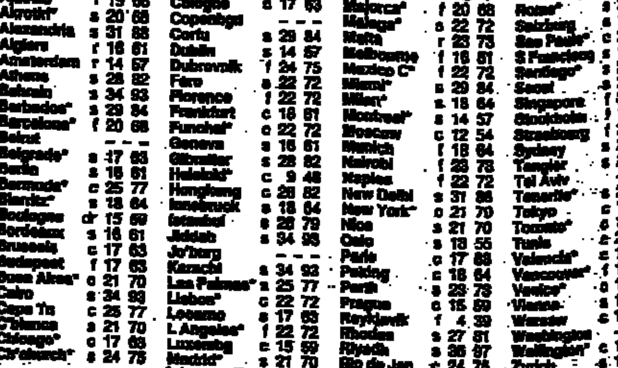
Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	8.9	–	15	59	sunny
Bridlington	9.4	–	16	61	sunny
Cromer	4.1	–	16	61	bright
Lowestoft	–	–	–	–	cloudy
Clacton	0.1	.10	14	57	drizzle
Margate	–	.14	17	63	rain pm
Folkestone	–	.26	15	59	drizzle
Hastings	–	.31	15	59	rain
Eastbourne	–	.33	16	61	drizzle
Brighton	–	.22	14	57	drizzle
Worthing	–	.15	15	59	drizzle
Littlehmptn	–	.24	15	59	drizzle
Bognor R	–	.15	15	59	drizzle
Southsea	–	.24	17	63	drizzle
Shanklin	–	.26	15	59	drizzle
Bournemth	–	.35	15	59	drizzle
Poole	–	.37	16	61	rain
Swanage	–	.54	15	59	drizzle
Weymouth	–	.36	15	59	drizzle
Exmouth	–	.76	15	59	dull
Torquay	0.1	.60	16	61	drizzle am

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	0.3	.04	17	63	cloudy
Scilly Isles	2.2	.11	16	61	drizzle am
Newquay	5.3	.13	17	63	bright
Ilfracombe	3.1	.07	15	59	bright pm
Tenby	8.8	.02	14	57	sunny
Southport	9.2	–	16	61	sunny
Morecambe	8.1	.01	15	59	sunny
Douglas	7.7	–	14	57	bright
London (Cntl)	–	.22	16	61	drizzle
B'ham (Airpt)	8.3	–	16	61	sunny
Bristol (Cntl)	1.1	.11	15	59	bright
Cardiff (Cntl)	1.7	.03	15	59	cloudy
Anglesey	9.5	–	15	59	sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	9.6	–	15	59	sunny
Manchester	8.4	–	16	61	sunny
Nottingham	9.5	–	16	61	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	7.8	–	16	61	bright
Carlisle	5.6	.02	15	59	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.0	.02	13	55	rain pm
Prestwick	3.0	.14	14	57	rain pm
Glasgow	2.4	.18	14	57	rain pm

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	19	66	Cologne	c	17	63	Majorca*	f	20	68	Rome*	s	22	72
Akrotiri*	s	20	68	Copenhgn	–	–	–	Malaga*	s	22	72	Salzburg	s	19	66
Alexandria	s	31	88	Corfu	s	29	84	Malta	r	23	73	Sao Paulo*	c	23	73
Algiers	r	16	61	Dublin	s	14	57	Melbourne	f	16	61	S Francisco	s	18	64
Amsterdam	r	14	57	Dubrovnik	f	24	75	Mexico C*	f	22	72	Santiago*	s	21	70
Athens	s	28	82	Faro	s	22	72	Miami*	s	29	84	Seoul	s	23	73
Bahrain	s	34	93	Florence	f	22	72	Milan*	s	18	64	Singapore	f	33	91
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	c	16	61	Montreal*	s	14	57	Stockholm	f	14	57
Barcelona*	f	20	68	Funchal*	c	22	72	Moscow	c	12	54	Strasbourg	f	20	68
Beirut	–	–	–	Geneva	s	16	61	Munich	f	18	64	Sydney	s	26	79
Belgrade*	s	17	63	Gibraltar	s	28	82	Nairobi	f	23	73	Tangier	s	23	73
Berlin	s	16	61	Helsinki*	c	9	48	Naples	f	22	72	Tel Aviv	–	–	–
Bermuda*	c	25	77	Hongkong	c	28	82	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tenerife*	s	24	75
Biarritz*	s	18	64	Innsbruck	s	18	64	New York*	c	21	70	Tokyo	c	19	66
Bologna	dr	15	59	Istanbul	s	26	79	Nice	s	21	70	Toronto*	s	15	59
Bordeaux	s	16	61	Jeddah	s	34	93	Oslo	s	13	55	Tunis	c	22	72
Brussels	c	17	63	Jo'burg	–	–	–	Paris	c	17	63	Valencia*	c	19	66
Budapest	f	17	63	Karachi	s	34	93	Peking	c	18	64	Vancouver*	f	15	59
Buen Aires*	c	21	70	Las Palmas*	s	25	77	Perth	s	23	73	Venice*	c	19	66
Cairo	s	34	93	Lisbon*	c	22	72	Prague	c	15	59	Vienna	s	18	64
Cape Tn	c	25	77	Locarno	s	17	63	Reykjavik	f	4	39	Warsaw	c	14	57
C'blanca	s	21	70	L Angeles*	f	22	72	Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington	–	–	–
Chicago*	c	17	63	Luxembg	c	15	59	Riyadh	s	36	97	Wellington*	c	15	59
Ch'church*	s	24	75	Madrid*	s	21	70	Rio de Jan	c	24	75	Zurich	s	18	64

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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